

**REPORT TO THE FIRE AUTHORITY**

**DATE: 4 DECEMBER 2006**

**SUBJECT: MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

Fire at Intertissue, Baglan Industrial Estate  
Service Delivery Reports from the County Commands

**SUMMARY:**

Matters for information relating to the above item

**IMPLICATIONS: No decisions required : matters for information only**

OPERATIONAL RISK  
COMMUNITY RISK  
TRAINING  
H.R  
FINANCE  
I.T/COMMS  
EQUALITY & DIVERSITY  
HEALTH & SAFETY  
LEGAL

**RECOMMENDATION: That the reports be received.**

**BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT**

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## **FIRE AT INTERTISSUE, BAGLAN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**

On the evening of 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2006 the Service received a call to a major incident at the Intertissue plant on the Baglan Industrial Estate, Baglan, Port Talbot.

Intertissue is a modern and extensive factory complex which has only recently been completed for the production of household tissue paper. The unit employs approximately 300 people.

The production process relies on the storage of large quantities of paper pulp. This, for the most part, was covered storage with open sides on the western part of the site. This storage comprised of several hundred thousand of bales of compressed paper pulp within an area of approximately 100 meters by 300 metres. The storage area was located directly against the western extremity of the factory.

At 21.25 hours, the Service received a fire call to the site which was followed by numerous repeat calls within the following ten minutes. The first responding units from P4 Port Talbot were faced with a rapidly developing fire within the paper stacks endangering the western side of the factory complex. The fire was being fanned by heavy winds increasing throughout the night to gale force 9 up to 70 miles per hour. The main fire fighting access was through a zone directly downwind of the fire with the result that crews had to endure blazing embers carried on the high winds throughout the night.

Although water was readily available on site, the extent of the operations required the water tanks supplying the on site fire water mains to be supplemented with a water relay from the neighbouring power station. The attending crews requested assistance to five-pump level at 21.34 hours (within ten minutes of the receipt of the first call). This was subsequently increased to a total of 14 pumps and two turntable ladders at the height of the fire. In addition to this, Control staff attended with the Incident Command Unit.

The immediate priority was the protection of the main structure of the factory, which was readily seen as extremely vulnerable given the direction and strength of the prevailing wind. Water monitors and jets were positioned to prevent a breach in the wall between the stack and the processing unit. Large amounts of chemicals were stored against the fire resisting wall which were initially protected by crews and were then moved to a safer area, thus preventing a potential for a major evacuation.

As a result of these efforts, whilst the warehousing facility was destroyed, the damage to the multi-million pound factory process area was minimal and production was able to resume under controlled conditions by 10.00 hours the following morning.

It must be stressed that the efforts of fire fighting crews and officers carried out in extremely difficult conditions effectively prevented the scale of the fire from taking a hold on the main factory structure. If this had happened, the fire, under the influence of the strong prevailing winds could have caused severe damage to the processing units and disrupted production indefinitely. The loss of the unit would have had a serious effect on the local community and the 300 jobs that it provides.

The firefighters involved in this incident should be congratulated on their tremendous efforts. The outcome would have been a lot worse had it not been for the skill and determination of the crews utilising the modern equipment at the disposal of the Service.

A joint investigation into the cause of the fire has been launched and is ongoing.

# FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT DECEMBER 2006

Mid & West Wales Area Total																					
County Command	FDR 1			Small			Chimney			Hoax			Good Intent			AFA			SSC		
	04/05	05/06	06/07	04/05	05/06	06/07	04/05	05/06	06/07	04/05	05/06	06/07	04/05	05/06	06/07	04/05	05/06	06/07	04/05	05/06	06/07
Carmarthenshire	262	123	241	284	108	327	11	12	15	24	21	27	91	75	145	231	203	338	363	276	363
Ceredigion	140	164	130	53	83	98	14	11	11	12	30	45	42	45	55	215	261	292	151	207	157
Neath & Port Talbot	389	280	334	827	437	901	3	1	2	123	58	72	201	142	225	240	191	221	242	213	281
Pembrokeshire	169	176	174	279	197	273	18	13	17	42	32	18	86	90	68	249	290	234	399	455	423
Powys	191	234	164	142	302	187	26	28	36	18	55	15	58	114	77	156	255	279	323	359	288
Swansea	603	618	496	1193	1020	1311	3	4	4	116	114	122	244	289	317	604	751	676	469	516	537
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1754</b>	<b>1595</b>	<b>1539</b>	<b>2778</b>	<b>2147</b>	<b>3097</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>1695</b>	<b>1951</b>	<b>2040</b>	<b>1947</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2049</b>

Please note. These figures compare the Incident Types by Station Ground for the months displayed above, and not for the full year.

	Pembrokeshire	Ceredigion	Powys	Neath/P Talbot	Swansea	Carmarthen	Brigade
No of HFSA's carried out	874	604	930	1313	1623	818	6162
By Operational Personnel	874	510	916	1244	1583	724	5851
By Community Safety Personnel	0	94	14	69	40	94	311
No of Smoke Alarms fitted	929	532	847	1591	1074	1129	6102
No of Programmed School Visits carried out	20	25	32	24	30	34	165
% of High Risk Premises Audited	69.49%	100.00%	47.91%	100.00%	42.15%	49.45%	66.91%
% of High Risk CD9s Audited					63.20%		
% of Building Regs completed within the time scale	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

## PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COMMAND

### OPERATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT

#### Incidents of interest:

Pembrokeshire crews attended 48 RTCs during this two-month reporting period. The new Rescue Pumps that were recently issued to Pembrokeshire after the appliance re-fit programme were sent to these incidents. The additional rescue equipment provided on the Rescue Pumps is reported to have been effective and enabled the initial crews attending the incident to release the casualties.

The most tragic of these 48 incidents were:

#### Incident 29559

At 0715hrs on Sunday 1 October at Bush Hill Pembroke Dock a car and a van collided that resulted in the death of a 25 year old man. Crews from Pembroke Dock worked to release casualties and to assist paramedics in giving first aid.

**Incident 30356**

At 1150hrs on Saturday 7 October on the A40 at Canaston Bridge a motorcyclist collided with a car that resulted in a 45-year old woman dying from her injuries. Crews from Narberth including a co-responder crew were involved in giving first aid and oxygen therapy to the casualties, and assisting the Police.

**Incident 32647**

At 1841hrs on Thursday 23 October on the Haven Bridge road at Jordanston a car collided head on with a 4X4 vehicle which resulted in the death of a 22 year old man. Crews from Milford Haven and Haverfordwest were involved in releasing the casualties from the vehicles.

**Fire Incidents**

Pembrokeshire crews attended 47 FDR1 fires during this two-month reporting period. The most notable of these fires were;

**Incident 27107**

At 0720hrs on Thursday 14 September at Heol Trefin, Fishguard a late fire call was received to a house fire. A crew from Fishguard dealt with a smouldering fire, but the elderly male occupant was dead. A fire investigation was carried out and the results passed to the Police. The matter is awaiting a Coroners Court hearing.

**Incident 28750**

At 1231hrs on Monday 25 September at Merlwood timber yard, Merlin's Bridge Haverfordwest. A fire broke out in ventilation ducting that spread to damage a 20 metre by 20 metre storage shed and 2 articulated lorry trailers. Crews from Haverfordwest and Milford Haven fought the fire using main water jets and a turntable ladder. The crews managed to stop the spread of fire from involving the main stock of timber and other adjoining buildings. The business was able to open the next day.

**Incident 33657**

At 2019 hrs on Tuesday 31 October at Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Primary School a deliberate fire was started in the school hall after a break in. The fire consumed much of the contents of the hall that was also used as the school dining room and year 6 classroom. Crews from Haverfordwest and Milford Haven prevented the fire from spreading to 2 adjoining classrooms but they were damaged by heat and smoke. A joint Police and Fire Service investigation has commenced to establish the cause of the fire assisted by the South Wales Fire Service hydrocarbon detection dog and officers from the Forensic Science Service.

The Chief Fire Officer and Chair of the Fire Authority gave the Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration, Edwina Hart a tour of the damaged buildings.

The school building was not protected by fire sprinklers and has now been demolished. The school remained closed for 2 weeks to enable clearing up work to take place and alternative accommodation to be found for the children.

The overall number of incidents attended in Pembrokeshire for the reporting period April to October was 1207 that compares with 1253 in 2005/06.

## **COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION**

### **Community Safety**

Personnel from Pembrokeshire were involved in the delivery of several significant Community Safety programmes in September and October.

In September there were 3 community events attended by the chip pan fire display and information unit; the Army training range open day at Castlemartin, and the fire station open days at St Davids and Crymych.

Between Monday 18 and Friday 22 September a Phoenix programme was undertaken for 12 young people at Pembroke Dock Fire Station, in co-operation with Pembrokeshire Youth Offender Team. Station Manager Amies presented certificates of achievement to all the students.

From Tuesday 3 to Friday 13 October, a kitchen safety lesson was delivered at the Pembrokeshire Crucial Crew event at Withybush. Some 1800 key stage 3 pupils from Pembrokeshire schools attended.

The "Keep Well This Winter" programme supported by the Welsh Assembly Government visited 10 Pembrokeshire venues between Monday 23 October and Friday 3 November. For the first time the Fire Service carried out electric blanket testing on behalf of Pembrokeshire County Council Social Services in a partnership arrangement with recently purchased testing equipment. This cost-effective arrangement tested 324 electric blankets of which 149 proved faulty and were replaced. The event led to 140 additional HFSA referrals.

## **CEREDIGION COUNTY COMMAND**

### **OPERATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

#### **Incidents of Interest:**

#### **RTC near Tregaron**

On the 6 October 2006 at 1141 hours, a call was received to an RTC between Tregaron and Llanddewi Brefi. Tregaron and Lampeter's appliances were mobilised to the incident involving a private motor vehicle and a lorry. The crews made the scene safe and used hydraulic cutting gear to release the casualty from the motor vehicle. They assisted the paramedics in casualty handling. An air ambulance was called to the scene who conveyed the casualty.

#### **RTC Borth**

On the 2 November 2006 at 2253 hours, a call was received to an RTC near Golden Sands Caravan Park, Borth. Appliances from Aberystwyth and Borth attended. One vehicle had come into contact with a telegraph post and several stationary vehicles. Two persons were in the vehicle, 1 adult and 1 child, both of which sustained injuries as a result of the collision and were transported to hospital by ambulance. Crews made the vehicle safe and assisted paramedics by rendering emergency first aid to casualties and also assisted police in scene preservation. The child died later of injuries received.

### **RTC near New Cross**

On the 3 November at 1918hrs, a call was received to an RTC on the B4340, Aberystwyth to Ponrhydfendigaid Road. Both Aberystwyth's appliances were mobilised to the incident, and were quickly on the scene. The RTC involved 3 motor vehicles, with a number of casualties. The crews made the scene safe, assisting the paramedics with casualty handling. Unfortunately, there was a fatality at this incident, who was released using hydraulic cutting equipment. All casualties were conveyed to hospital by ambulance.

### **Co-responder call**

Tregaron's co-responders were recently called to an incident involving an elderly lady who had stopped breathing. The crew, on arrival, immediately started resuscitation using the equipment from the co-responder, including the defibrillation pads. The patient was successfully resuscitated, and they treated her until the arrival of the ambulance crew, some fifteen minutes later.

## **COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION**

### **Megadrive**

The Community Safety Department attended Ceredigion's Megadrive event on the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at Aberporth. Megadrive is aimed at Secondary schools for pupils in the lower 6<sup>th</sup>. It is a multi-agency approach, with a 10-minute slot for each department to deliver their message. The event was organised by the Road Safety Department Ceredigion. The Commands CS Department spoke about the dangers of anti-social driving, speeding and how it kills. Our message was delivered to over 300 pupils.

### **Probation Evening**

On the 9 October 2006, the annual Probationary Firefighters Evening was held at Aberaeron Fire Station. The purpose of this evening is to give a demonstration to the local community of the training they have undertaken since joining the Service. A drill was held, followed by a question and answer session. This was followed by a presentation of a Chief Fire Officer's Letter of Merit awarded to Station Manager Mark Morgan in recognition of the work in running the inaugural Phoenix Course in the command. Watch Manager Wyndam Jones and his team also presented cheques for the money they raised at a recent charity car wash.

## **SWANSEA COUNTY COMMAND**

### **OPERATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

#### **Incidents of Interest:**

#### **Incident Number Various: 11/10/06 - 29 Flooding Calls received for Swansea Command at 01:30 – 04:00**

0142 hrs Castle Acre Mumbles – 9 properties affected by flooding – major pump in use  
0208 hrs St Teilo St Pontarddulais – 14 properties affected by floodwater main and ejector pump in use. It was not until late morning that the last affected property was dealt with.

#### **Incident Number: 31267 - 13/10/06 - 11:37 Horse and rider stuck in mud**

Two fire appliances attended North Gower Common at Fairwood to a horse and rider stuck in mud. Both were released by the Fire Service. The rider suffered minor head injuries and

was treated by paramedics whilst the horse walked away from the incident.

**Incident Number: 31362 - 14/10/06 Flat fires High Street, Gorseinon**

At 02:00 hours two appliances the above property to find a fire in each of the above flats, with the smoke affecting five flats in total. The fires were extinguished using one hose reel jet and four Firefighters wearing BA and a PPV fan. One male suffered from smoke inhalation and was taken to hospital by ambulance.

The fires had been started deliberately and due to the inadequate Fire Safety standards within the building i.e. defective fire alarm and lack of maintenance of the means of escape, prohibition notices were issued on the properties. The tenants were re – housed with the aid of the City & County of Swansea Council.

**Incident Number: 32139 - 19/10/06 Large fire in wood yard**

At 22:42 hours two appliances were initially mobilised to a fire at New Road Pontarddulais, but on arrival found a developing fire within stored pallets, which was spreading to adjoining properties.

At the height of the incident six pumps a Turntable Ladder and Water Carrier were in use supplying four main jets and four hose reel jets. Several nearby residential properties had to be temporarily evacuated. The cause of this fire is believed to be due to an electrical malfunction.

**Incident Number: 32572 - 23/10/06 RTC Trapped Casualty**

At 08:29 hours two appliances were mobilised to the New Bypass Walters Road, Llansamlet where one van and two private motor vehicles had collided. One elderly male was trapped and had to be released by FS personnel using hydraulic rescue equipment. The casualty was conveyed to hospital by ambulance suffering with neck injuries. Also a pregnant woman needed to be taken to hospital.

**Incident No 35867 - 13/11/06 Pipeline worker injured in pipe**

At 21:41 hours three appliances were mobilised to the LPG pipeline construction site [NACP] Pentre Road, Pontarddulais. One male worker had fallen into a pipeline work pit and was suffering from head and shoulder injuries caused by the failure of a hydraulic hose striking him. He was rescued by FS personnel and paramedics assisted by site staff using a crane and cage system, and then conveyed to hospital by ambulance.

This was a good example of teamwork with the NHS ambulance trust and the senior paramedic attending expressed his appreciation of the teamwork and effort by all to rescue the injured worker.

**COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION**

## **Community Safety**

### **Hot Strikes**

Following any domestic property-fire operational crews will aim to deliver a 'Hot Strike campaign' in the locality of the incident. If for any reason crews are unable to carry out this task they will inform the Swansea Community Safety Department who will deliver the campaign on the station's behalf. This type of activity allows Service personnel to talk and explain to members of the public about the dangers of fire particularly after what may have been a high profile incident.

Swansea Command attended 56 domestic property fires within this reporting period, with the resultant number of 'Hot Strikes' carried out.

### **Working with young children and youths**

#### **Youth Groups**

During this reporting period the Community Safety Department has been actively engaged with Youth Groups running a further three Phoenix courses, one accredited to a Duke of Edinburgh award, one an Intensive Supervision course and the third a work experience course. A total of 19 young people attended the courses.

A Crew Manager from the Community Safety Department attends a joint Intervention & Distraction partnership activities programme (ID-50) which targets offenders within the area. A total of 72 young people have benefited from the programme during this reporting period.

#### **Schools Education Programme**

Since the start of the new school term Schools Education Advisors have attended 24 schools in the Swansea area delivering the message of fire safety and cultural awareness issues in line with the National Curriculum over 48 teaching sessions.

#### **Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Reduction- Pass Plus Programme**

'Pass Plus' is a training scheme for new drivers specifically designed by the Driving Standards Agency with the help of insurers and the driving instructors industry. The scheme consists of one theory session followed by six practical modules which cover driving in town, in all weathers, on rural roads, at night, on dual carriageways and on motorways. New drivers benefit from gaining valuable driving experience, a boost to confidence, development of their existing driving skills and knowledge and reduced car insurance premiums.

During this reporting period, the Service has hosted two separate theory-courses with 30 new drivers attending the three-hour sessions. The Service also provides a thirty-minute input covering the 'consequences' of bad driving and road traffic collisions.

#### **Fire Safe Courses**

A course designed to address child behavioural problems, which include firesetting, has been implemented within the command. This is a course consisting of ten one-and-a-half-hour sessions with the child and parent.

A total of 10 sessions have now been completed to date with one youth exhibiting such

enthusiasm that he joined one of the Young Fire Fighter schemes based at Morryston.

### **Fire Safety Inspection and Enforcement Department**

The introduction of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 on the 1st October 2006 saw the biggest change in Fire Safety legislation since the introduction of the Fire Precautions Act in the early seventies.

All members of the Fire Safety Department (Inspection and Enforcement) received guidance prior to the introduction and suitable guidance documents were issued. This was and is continuing to be a testing time for the department; however, the transition has run smoothly due to the diligence of the members of staff.

Guidance and fire safety advice has been promulgated and given freely to our Service users to assist in legislative compliance.

Despite this culture of 'advice and assistance' the department has had cause to issue five 'prohibition notices' since 1 October 2006, where premises had imminent life threatening shortfalls with regard to their fire precautions.

## **CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COMMAND**

### **OPERATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

#### **Fatalities**

0 fire fatality to report.

1 fatality from Road Traffic Collisions

#### **Incidents of Interest:**

#### **A484 half a mile from Trostre roundabout towards Swansea, Llanelli 16<sup>th</sup> November 2006.**

RTC involving 1 LGV and 1 private motor car. 1 person from LGV treated by Ambulance personnel. 1 fatality

#### **Carway to Trimsaran Road, Trimsaran - 10<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

RTC involving one motor vehicle. 1 female casualty extricated by fire service personnel using cutting equipment.

#### **Near the Belle Vue Pub, Llanllwni - 13<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

Special Service Call, RTC involving one car, one male released by fire service personnel using Webber cutting equipment and small gear. Conveyed to hospital by ambulance.

#### **Between Four Roads and Menciau, Pontyates - 7<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

Special Service call- RTC involving 2 vehicles, 2 persons released prior to arrival. 1 Casualty released using hydraulic cutting equipment. 3 Casualties conveyed to hospital by ambulance.

#### **St John Lloyds School, Harvard Road, Dafen, Llanelli - 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Fire involving roof school plant room 120x60m 4 BA, 2HRJ Tic in use.

## **COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION**

### **CFS Activities**

Keep well this winter  
Pensioners Hall, Ammanford  
Emlyn Arms, Newcastle Emlyn  
St Peters Carmarthen

### **“Freshers” Week**

Trinity College

### **Fire Safety Talks**

50 plus Forum/ABC Church, Ammanford  
Llanpumpsaint Hall  
Carmarthen Outreach  
Llangynnog Hall

### **Phoenix Course – Llanelli Fire Station**

16-20<sup>th</sup> October

### **Chip Pan Display**

Antioch Centre Llanelli  
W02 Young Farmers  
Carmarthen Outreach

### **Impact Trailer Demonstration**

**Carmarthen Fire Station – Young Fire Fighters/ Carmarthen Outreach**

### **Publicity Event**

Oxygen Therapy Patient Forum – Stradey Park Hotel  
Gwilli Railway, Bronwydd  
Carmarthen Young Farmers Safety Evening W02

**Mega Drive-** Carmarthen Showground

**Pass Plus Cymru** - Impact Display

**Crucial Crew** - two weeks at Carmarthen Showground

## **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNT COMMAND**

This report details the service delivery provisions for stations within the Neath Port Talbot County Command for the reporting period April 2006 - Nov 2006. The report specifically relates to the Community Risk Reduction and Operational Risk Management Activity.

## **OPERATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Incidents of Interest:**

### **Fire at Cwrt Sart Comprehensive School**

Crews from Neath, Port Talbot, and Pontardawe fire stations attended a fire at Cwrt Sart Comprehensive school Gymnasium, on the 5 November. CCTV footage recorded youths on the roof of the gymnasium minutes before the blaze broke out in the school gymnasium totally destroying the fittings and equipment within the building. Fire Officers from Neath Port Talbot Community Safety together with the police crime prevention officers, and representatives from the local education authority are closely monitoring the fire and anti social behaviour statistics within our schools and have been successful in obtaining Welsh assembly small arson grants to date.

### **Port Talbot**

Blue Watch Crews in Port Talbot and Neath were called to the scene of a fire at Mayberry road in Baglan, Port Talbot, at around lunchtime on 4 November 2006. The call was raised by the occupant of the flat who was woken by the sound and smell of a fire in an adjacent room. Fire crews smashed a first floor window and rescued the lady and her dog using a short extension ladder. The lady was taken to hospital suffering from the effects of smoke inhalation. Whilst awaiting the arrival of crews, she was given advice and support from Control while the crews made their way to the address, which potentially saved her life. Control Operators directed the woman to close the door she was in, and, place bedding around the gaps in the door to further reduce the smoke entering the room. Control room staff then advised the lady to go the front window and make herself known to anyone that was passing.

## **COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION**

### **Community Safety**

#### **Phoenix**

NPT Command now continues to run their own independent courses, catering for Youth Inclusion Programs (YIP), Youth Offending Teams (YOT), Alternative curriculum's (AC), Local Education Authority (LEA) and other youth organisations. The aim of the course is to invest in young people utilising the skills of the Service to benefit youngsters and in turn the wider community, targeting 13-17 year olds. The objectives are to increase self-esteem, self-confidence, leadership & communication skills and to improve motivation. The course runs from Monday to Friday and is intensive both in its content and supervision. To date NPTCC have run 5 courses with a further 5 courses planned. MAWWFRS is now an accredited centre for Oxford Cambridge Recognition level one (OCR). A pilot scheme is to commence within NPTCC in January 06, targeting referrals from the LEA. To achieve the OCR accreditation the young people must attend the Phoenix 5-day intense course plus an additional one-day per week over a six week period.

#### **YOT**

The Youth Offending Fire Officer (YOFO) continues to attend the Youth Offending Team (YOT) offices 2 days per week, making himself available for referrals and other questions relating to the Fire Service and the reduction of arson, auto-crime and fire setting.

#### **Forest schools**

Forest schools have been operating in the borough since September 2003 and offer an alternative curriculum to young people aged 14-18 years who may be described as non-

achievers or a disruptive influence due to lack of interest in mainstream education. The school runs for one day per week over a duration of 10 weeks. An officer from the Community Safety Department within the NPTCC has undergone a three day intensive leadership course which enables him to assist Forest School Leaders. Three courses are scheduled this year with a commitment from NPTCC to support all courses. To date one course has been completed and second ongoing.

NPTCC have also committed to continue to support the Safer Neath Port Talbot Partnership for a 2007-2008

### **Sandfields Primary School**

Once again NPTCC have been successful in securing £10,000 from the Welsh Assembly Governments Small Arson Grants programme for the above school.

The school continually suffers from anti-social behaviour and has suffered several arson attacks. The team set up under the umbrella of "Safer Neath Port Talbot Partnership" carried out an initial scan of all Neath Port Talbot Schools. Each school was placed on a list, with the most vulnerable at the top. Sandfields Primary was deemed to be the most at risk campus at the time of the survey.

The money will be utilised to implement target-hardening measures within the campus.

To date NPTCC have secured funding through the Small Arson Grants programme for 5 schools within the command and target hardening measures have been implemented.

### **Pass Plus Cymru**

A major initiative aimed at tackling the high rate of young drivers and passengers killed and injured on Welsh roads has been launched in Neath Port Talbot.

Pass Plus Cymru is a driver training scheme aimed at providing young drivers with additional driving skills and experience to help reduce their chances of being involved in a road traffic collision.

Of 130 drivers and passengers killed on Welsh roads last year, 59 were between the ages of 16 and 25, representing 45%. Research shows that these fatalities were mainly caused by simple driving errors made as a result of a lack of skills and experience, and Pass Plus Cymru has been developed to combat this problem.

Pass Plus programme includes a group interactive three-hour theory session where NPTCC's input includes a PowerPoint presentation, student interaction utilising qwizdom and a session with the on duty watch. This is then followed by a day of intensive practical in-car training. To date one course has been successfully completed with a further course planned for 27th of this month; further details can be obtained from the Dragon Driver website.

## **POWYS COUNTY COMMAND**

### **OPERATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

#### **Incidents of Interest:**

**Incident No 32078**

On 19 October one male person died following an accident on the road into Welshpool from Shrewsbury. The collision occurred between a private motor vehicle and a Large Goods Vehicle

**Incident No 34030**

On 02 November four teenage girls died while travelling in the rear of a Vauxhall Corsa on the Llangynidr to Garnllydan Road, South Powys. Although this highly publicised incident was attended by SWFRS only, it is included to highlight the number of casualties that occur on the roads of Powys.

**Incident No 31477**

On 14 October a fire that started in a Minibus spread to an oil storage tank and an adjacent sports hall at Llandrindod Wells High School. The fire eventually spread to the roof void of the school. 3 pumping appliances and the ALP were used to fight the fire.

**Incident No 33695**

On 01 November a fire at Tanat Garage, Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant resulted in a building of 50m x 20m being severely damaged along with a number of buses parked alongside. A number of cylinders were also involved in the fire which resulted in one Acetylene Cylinder exploding prior to the arrival of the Service. Four pumping appliances were used to tackle the fire and cool the cylinders.

Powys FRS attended a total of 27 Co-responder incidents in the county during the reporting period.

**COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION**

CFS Work Carried out by Powys Fire Station and CFS Dept Personnel Oct 1st - Nov 22nd 2006.

**Partnership working****Youth Offending Team 'Firesafe' programme**

One YOT Firesafe programme has been signed up.

**New Partnership** – A new partnership with the Powys Mobile Library Service has been set up in order to promote Home Fire Safety Checks in the more remote areas of the county.

**Keep Safe and Well Day** – The third Keep Safe & Well event of the year took place at Presteigne.

**Community Fire Safety Talks**

9 Fire Safety talks were delivered to members of the public (mainly vulnerable adult groups e.g. visually impaired)

**Chip Pan Fire Demonstrations**

One chip pan demonstration was undertaken at the Hay On Fire Event.

### **Community Safety Partnership**

The Powys CSP held a conference at the Royal Welsh Showground on 16<sup>th</sup> November. Its aims were to highlight the various themes of the Crime and Disorder Act that require partnership working in order to function. This was aimed at a broad spectrum of the community both statutory and voluntary. The main area that involved FRS personnel was the Road Safety Partnership which was in the form of a workshop where the educational aids available to the Service demonstrated, i.e. crashed car and trailer, a brainstorming session designed to identify best practice and common understanding for the reasons that RTC's occur.

### **Community Cohesion Co-ordinating Group (CCCG)**

This group continues to meet on a regular basis in order to ease community tensions in certain areas of the county where there are influxes of migrant workers. This is designed for county command level along with the chief executives of other statutory and voluntary organisations. Much has been done already and work is underway to provide essential translated material to enable these communities to integrate and have a safe and welcoming stay whilst they are here. FRS involvement will be to provide home fire safety material for the documentation.