

REPORT TO: FIRE AUTHORITY
DATE: 24 September 2007

SUBJECT: International Firefighters Day of Remembrance: 9th September 2007
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<p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>The Chair, Cllr C Crowley and Vice Chair, Cllr T E Evans attended the International Firefighters day of Remembrance in London on Sunday 9th September 2007. They were accompanied by ACFO P Bailey.</p>
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OBJECTIVES		IMPLICATIONS	
Trusted & Respect	/	Operational Risk Management	
More than Emergencies	/	Community Risk Reduction	
Saving Lives, Protecting Communities	/	Training & Development	
Managet within Budget		Civil Contingencies	
Improving Efficiency		Finance & Procurement	/
Resources to Priorities		H.R.	
Alternative Resources		ICT	
Managing People		Corporate Services	/
Integrated Management Planning		Transport	
Partnership Working		Health & Safety	
Effective & Empowered People		Premises	
Sustainability & the Environment		Welsh Language	
Governance	/	Legal	

<p>COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS: As attached summary.</p>

<p>RECOMMENDATIONS:</p> <p>That Members endorse future attendance at the International Firefighters Day of Remembrance in London.</p>
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<p>BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT:</p> <p>Summary, letter from NARF and Chief Fire Officer's reply.</p>
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SUMMARY

International Firefighters Day of Remembrance – 9th September 2007

The church service was held at St Mary in the Bow which was attended by representatives of the majority of UK Fire and Rescue Services. All three Services from Wales were present throughout the proceedings.

Following the church service, all present marched to the National Firefighters Memorial which is situated close to St Paul's Cathedral. The march was led by Fire Service bands and Colour Parties. Six members of our Service Colour Party were also present and represented the Service in a professional manner.

A short service was held at the Memorial where the following who recently lost their lives in the line of duty were remembered. They were;

- Mick Bird; Leicestershire FRS
- Geoffrey Robert Wicker; East Sussex FRS
- Brian Leslie Wembridge; East Sussex FRS
- Paul Alexander Mallaghan; Hertfordshire FRS

The Chair had an opportunity to lay a wreath on behalf of the Fire Authority and Service.

Members will also be aware that over the years the Authority has supported the Cardiff Firemen's Memorial Service held at Llanreath in Pembrokeshire. Correspondence has been received from the National Association of Retired Firefighters indicating that this service will now cease, as the dates are close to that of the International Firefighters Day of Remembrance and also that those who lost their lives at Llanreath are remembered in the Armistice Remembrance Day.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS

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14th July 2007

Dear Mr Mackay,

RE: Cardiff Firemen's Memorial Service.

I have been asked by the Committee of the above Branch to write to you regarding the Annual memorial Service held at the South Pembrokeshire Golf Club.

In recent years the number of persons attending from our Branch has diminished owing to bereavements, illness and other reasons.

The Memorial Service is also very close to the International Fire-fighters Remembrance Service where all Fire-fighters who gave their lives in active service are remembered and also the Cardiff five are included in the Armistice Remembrance day in November.

It is in our opinion that in view of the above, regrettably it is now time to put a close to the proceedings.

We are extremely grateful for the support that both you and your staff have given since the first Service and also South Pembrokeshire Golf Club for hosting the event.

If you have any views on the above decision, please do not hesitate to write to us.

Yours sincerely,

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19 July 2007

Dear

Thank you for your letter of the 14th July regarding the future of the Llanreath Memorial Service.

I appreciate and understand the reasoning behind the decision that you and your colleagues have made on this issue, and am certain that the sacrifice made by our colleagues from Cardiff all those years ago will be appropriately marked in the future alongside the others who are remembered on International Firefighters Remembrance Day.

It has been my honour to represent this Fire and Rescue Service over the last few years at the Llanreath Service of Remembrance, and I know that my colleagues in the Service Colour Party and from the local station have felt the same. I will of course ensure that they are made aware of your decision on this matter.

I will of course also inform my Fire Authority, as I know that many Members have attended this Service of Remembrance over the years.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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Chief Fire Officer

cc CFO Brian Fraser
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ACFO Bailey
GM Webley – *please advise local personnel*
OiC Colour Party – Gerwyn Howells B06
Rev Illtyd Protheroe

Marie - B/F correspondence for covering report to Fire Authority