

Fire and Rescue Service Monthly Bulletin

Bulletin number: 23

02 July 2012

Addressed to:

The Chair of the Fire and Rescue Authority
The Chief Executive of the County Council
The Clerk to the Fire and Rescue Authority
The London Commissioner
The Chief Fire Officer

Summary of contents in this issue

(The title below is a link to the bulletin page)

<u>Title: National Coordination and Advisory arrangements - London 2012 Olympic Games</u>

This item provides a brief overview of the National Coordination and Advisory arrangements that have been implemented for fire and rescue authorities.

National Coordination and Advisory arrangements – London 2012 Olympic Games

1. Background

With just under four weeks until the opening of the Olympic Games, the following information is provided as a brief overview of the National Coordination and Advisory arrangements that have been implemented for fire and rescue authorities.

Olympic national coordination capability must meet the strategic design requirements set by the Government's Olympic and Paralympics Command, Coordination and Communication Strategy. The following information will identify how fire and rescue is integrated within the Strategy.

There are two main components for this, both of which have been operational since the start of the Olympic Torch Relay and will continue until closure of the games on the 9th September 2012, these are:

- National Olympic Coordination Centre
- Department for Communities and Local Government Olympic Coordination Centre

2. The National Olympic Coordination Centre

The National Olympic Coordination Centre has been established to support the National Olympic Security Coordinator and enables national multi-agency collaboration and information sharing. The National Olympic Coordination Centre is resourced by key agency personnel. The fire and rescue capability within the National Olympic Coordination Centre consists of personnel from the Office of the Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser, London Fire Brigade and the National Resilience Assurance Team.

The fire and rescue desk in the National Olympic Coordination Centre is the primary point of contact for the National Olympic Security Coordinator and will be responsible for the information requirements that contribute to the overall safety and security picture. During the entire period of the Games the fire and rescue desk will provide timely and accurate information relating to:

- Departmental policy
- Fire and rescue operational activities
- National resilience matters

There are a number of sources that assist with information for the development of the fire and rescue situation report and this will be the single position statement representing the resilience and operational focus for fire and rescue authorities nationally. The fire and rescue desk will work in close collaboration with the Department's Olympic Coordination Centre.

3. Department for Communities and Local Government Olympic Coordination Centre

For the period of the Olympics, the Department's Emergency Room will operate as the Department's Olympic Coordination Centre. Within the Centre there will be a number of cells that will integrate as part of the wider governmental requirements for the Department during the Olympics. A Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser Cell will be responsible for the requirements set within the National Coordination and Advisory Framework.

The Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser Cell will be staffed by the Department for Communities and Local Government's Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser Duty Officer, the National Resilience Assurance Team, and a Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser Olympics Staff Officer. The cell will receive intelligence feeds and information from fire and rescue authorities and other partner agencies; they will be responsible for checking, analysing and reconciling the information prior to making it available to the fire and rescue desk in the National Olympic Coordination Centre. As part of the National Coordination and Advisory

Fire and Rescue Service Monthly Bulletin 23: July 2012

Framework arrangements the National Strategic Advisory Team have a key role to play with the development of strategic advice prior to any dissemination of national Fire and Rescue information.

As previously identified within Fire and Rescue Bulletin 21 in May 2012, fire and rescue authorities will provide timely information on occurring incidents by using the fire and rescue web-based reporting tool and this information is received directly by the Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser cell within the Departments Olympic Coordination Centre. These reports will then be presented to the National Olympic Coordination Centre as per the recognised reporting schedule.

When there is information regarding the fire and rescue authorities and it is required to be included within the report to the National Olympic Security Coordinator and the fire and rescue Situation Report, it is essential that the Department's Olympic Coordination Centre is fully aware of the national fire and rescue operational picture. This will ensure that advice and guidance can be provided about operational decisions and local/national policy matters.

It is essential that the briefings regarding fire and rescue activities are consistent, accurate and timely, and therefore information entered on the Fire and Rescue Reporting Tool is vitally important and timings for this are critical, therefore there should be minimal delay when inputting this information on incidents occurring within fire and rescue authorities.

4. Fire and Rescue briefings for ministerial meetings

In line with the National Coordination and Advisory Framework, the Chief Fire and Rescue Advisor Cell will be the single point of contact for advice and guidance into Government, and will share information with either the Policy Cell (in order to brief Ministers or senior officials for the Cabinet Committee for the Olympics meetings) or, in crisis, the Resilience Cell (in order to brief Ministers for Ministerial Cabinet meetings).

For further information please contact:

Gary Jeffery	Email	gary.jeffery@communities.gsi.gov.uk
Fire and Rescue Adviser		Office of the Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser

Department for Communities and Local Government Eland House Bressenden Place London SW1E 5DU

Telephone: 0303 444 0000

Website: www.communities.gov.uk

© Crown Copyright, 2012

Copyright in the typographical arrangement rests with the Crown.

This publication, excluding logos, may be reproduced free of charge in any format or medium for research, private study or for internal circulation within an organisation. This is subject to it being reproduced accurately and not used in a misleading context. The material must be acknowledged as Crown copyright and the title of the publication specified.

You may re-use this information (not including logos) free of charge in any format or medium, under the terms of the Open Government Licence. To view this licence, visit http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/ or write to the Information Policy Team, The National Archives, Kew, London TW9 4DU, or e-mail: psi@nationalarchives.gsi.gov.uk.

Email: licensing@opsi.gov.uk

If you require this publication in an alternative format please email: alternativeformats@communities.gsi.gov.uk

Department for Communities and Local Government Publications

Tel: 0300 123 1124 Fax: 0300 123 1125

Email: product@communities.gsi.gov.uk

Online via the Department's website: www.communities.gov.uk

July 2012

ISBN: 978 1 4098 3564 6