



AGENDA ITEM: 6 b

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE PANEL

3rd February 2014

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

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Purpose of Report

- 1 To inform Members about incidents of note that have taken place during December 2013 and January 2014.

Background

- 2 At each Executive Panel meeting, Members receive the performance monitoring report for the previous quarter. Members have recently requested a report providing more information about incidents of note.

Information

- 3 The report is supplementary to the performance monitoring information and appendix A gives Members a flavour of the types of incident attended, the level of resources required during these incidents and the timescales involved.

Recommendation

- 4 That Members note the information.

Appendix A

Date	Incident details	Type and Number of pumps in attendance	Length of time at incident
05/12/13	Floods along the coast caused by high tides large area of low atmospheric pressure and on-shore winds. 13 flood warnings and 2 severe warnings in place. 300+ properties in Rhyl affected by flood water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 stations involved in the response • Water rescue units from Bangor, Deeside, Betws-y-Coed and Ruthin along with crews from RNLi • High Volume Pumps from NWFRS and M&WWFRS. • 11 other incidents dealt with during the flooding • Rhyl Community Fire station established as multi agency information as part of the recovery operations with in excess of 750 persons visiting during this time 	<p>2 days at incident</p> <p>8 days as recovery centre</p>
7/12/13	Car crashed into market stalls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crews from Mold, Deeside and Wrexham • 7 persons injured 	2hrs 10mins
16/12/13	Fire at a nursing home - Cause under investigation NWFRS and forensic investigators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six crews of firefighters from St Asaph, Rhyl, Denbigh, Abergele and Prestatyn • Aerial Ladder Platform and Incident Command Unit from Rhyl • Use of breathing apparatus, hose reels and main jets. 	18 hrs 30 mins
18/12/13	Outside fire involving 1000 tonnes of woodchip at an industrial park unit – Cause spontaneous combustion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four crews of firefighters from Deeside, Flint, Wrexham and Chester • Aerial Ladder Platform from Wrexham • Incident Command Unit from Rhyl • Crews used main jets and hose reels to tackle the fire and utilised a mechanical digger to move the piles of woodchip • No reports of injuries 	5hrs 20mins

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26/12/13	Fire at accident recovery car compound affecting 52 cars. Caused by electrical fault on one of the vehicles in the compound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two crews from Deeside • Crews from Flint and Chester • Incident Command Unit from Rhyl Use of breathing apparatus, two hose reels and four main jets 	2hrs 30mins
29/12/13	Road Traffic Collision (RTC) involving a van and a car *13 RTC with persons trapped attended in December 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 crews from Wrexham • Technical rescue unit from Wrexham • 2 persons trapped • Crews used hydraulic cutting equipment to release both • 1 fatality age 22 	2hrs 30mins
03/01/14	Flooding in Barmouth caused by extremely high tides and storm force on-shore winds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most residents evacuated safely before flood due to excellent multi agency working • NWFRS and RNLI water rescue units on scene before flooding • Rescues carried out by both services 	9 hours
06/01/14	House fire caused by lightning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crews from Holyhead, Menai Bridge and Llanfairfechan • Use of hose reel jets and breathing apparatus. • Male occupier escaped unharmed. 	5hrs 10 mins

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The following incidents could have had a far worse outcome had it not been for the smoke alarms that had been installed and the fire prevention/survival guidance given. It also shows the importance of partnership working. (20,000 HFSC complete 32% are vulnerable person referrals from other agencies).

Date	Incident	Resources used and outcome	Smoke alarm fitted by
04/12/13	Grill left unattended	Two sets of breathing apparatus and a hose reel jet to extinguish the flames. No injuries.	Clwyd Alyn Housing Association on behalf of NWFRS
20/12/13	Cooker left on	Crews from Ruthin and Deeside. Cooker was left on when the occupier went out. The smoke detector alerted neighbours to the incident who called the FRS Crews gained entry and contained fire to the cooker.	Builder
23/12/13	Electrical The fire caused 95% damage to the property	Crews from Johnstown, Wrexham, Buckley and Llangollen as well as the Incident Command Unit from Rhyl were at the scene tackling the fire using breathing apparatus and hose reels. The family was alerted to the fire by the activation of a smoke alarm , all persons were evacuated from the property and were un hurt. -	Self
02/01/14	Electrical The fire caused substantial smoke damage to the ground and first floors of the property and slight fire damage to the living room.	Firefighters from Llangefni and Menai Bridge attended. They used one hose reel and six sets of breathing apparatus to tackle the fire. The residents, a couple in their 70s were alerted by the sound of a smoke alarm and were given fire survival advice by control operators before being led to safety by firefighters.	NWFRS
05/01/14	Electrical fire (washing machine)	Wrexham and Johnstown HFSC completed 2 months prior to incident Incident happened in the early hours of the morning alerted by smoke alarm	NWFRS