



DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

REPORT REFERENCE NO.	CSCPC/11/6
MEETING	COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CORPORATE PLANNING COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING	28 NOVEMBER 2011
SUBJECT OF REPORT	OPERATIONAL RISK INFORMATION SYSTEM (ORIS)
LEAD OFFICER	ACFO STRATFORD, DIRECTOR OF SERVICE SUPPORT
RECOMMENDATIONS	That the report be noted.
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>The new Operational Risk Information System (ORIS) enables risk critical information to be made available to Incident Commanders (IC) on the incident ground via the Mobile Data Terminal (MDT). This information is crucial to inform the dynamic risk assessment (DRA) and tactical plan which in turn leads to greater Firefighter safety.</p> <p>This report provides an update on the progress made in respect of ORIS and specifically, the Level 3 risk assessments undertaken.</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Increased number of annual ORIS inspections.
EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	None
APPENDICES	None
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS	None

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The new Operational Risk Information System (ORIS) enables risk critical information to be made available to Incident Commanders (IC) on the incident ground via the Mobile Data Terminal (MDT). This information is crucial to inform the dynamic risk assessment (DRA) and tactical plan which in turn leads to greater Firefighter safety.
- 1.2 A key factor identified by recent tragic events is that any risk information must be –
Current, Relevant and Accurate
- 1.3 Risk information is categorised in 5 levels within ORIS –
- Level 1 – turn out sheet info i.e. bariatric occupier, acetylene, etc
 - Level 2 – generic risk info – address linked to operational guidance/flow charts i.e. farms, DIY stores for premises types
 - Level 3 – high risk premises where site specific risk information (SSRI) is captured, these consist of a suite of documents including a text document giving data on occupancy, hazards, control measures (aide memoires/key information), operational considerations, construction, fire protection measures and utilities. In addition, a range of plans including location, site and detailed floor plans are supplied.
 - Level 4 – major incident sites (COMAH)
 - Level 5 – regional/national event planning i.e. flooding, flu pandemic

2. CURRENT POSITION

- 2.1 On the 01/11/11, ORIS level 3 went “live”. All 2000+ previous high risks (TIPs/Tactical Plans) across the service have been re evaluated and, using a scoring regime, those designated high risk have all now been re-inspected, reformatted and loaded onto the MDT.
- 2.2 This risk critical information comes from a variety of sources, both internally and from other agencies.
- 2.3 Internally risk data is shared from Community Safety – Protection and Prevention to operational crews via information captured during Fire Safety Audit (Ff safety/environment boxes ticked). This is published in a monthly report to the groups for appropriate action.
- 2.4 Externally the Response Support Dept is currently creating a network where all information comes to a central point, is processed and dealt with appropriately. Stakeholders include – Local Authority, Environment Agency (EA), Fire Safety, Trading Standards, Large Timber Framed Building Association etc.

3. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- 3.1 Level 1 – a fully electronic risk critical exchange system on the Intranet. This will enable any person in the organisation to report information (e-form) it will be processed (24 hour capability) and suitable actions taken i.e. information added to the turn out sheet, prompt a SSRI visit, change Pre Determined Attendance etc. This system will also set a review date and archive all activity.
- 3.2 DSFRS is currently sitting on the national user group of the Operational Intelligence Module which is a CFRMIS product. This will streamline our current process and allow the whole process from data capture, validation, publishing and re-inspection to be carried out electronically. In addition, it will interface with the current CFRMIS fire safety system in DSFRS.

4. SUMMARY

- 4.1 Gathering risk critical data is a statutory requirement (7.2.d) however, fire-fighter safety is the primary driver for DSFRS. The new operational risk information system will ensure that current,

relevant and accurate risk information is available to operational crews at all times and is fully audited and reviewed.

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