



DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

REPORT REFERENCE NO.	CSCP/12/2
MEETING	COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CORPORATE PLANNING COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING	6 JULY 2012
SUBJECT OF REPORT	ALARM AWARDS 2012
LEAD OFFICER	DIRECTOR OF SERVICE SUPPORT
RECOMMENDATIONS	<i>That the report and excellent achievement of the Officers concerned be noted.</i>
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>The Alarm awards are aimed at promoting excellence in public risk management and are awarded on an annual basis. This is the 21st year of the awards and Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service has been successful in achieving awards in 4 categories, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People Risk • Strategic Risk • Risk Management Newcomer of the Year • Operational Risk <p>Further information in respect of the awards to Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service is contained within the paper and details of all of the awards is attached within Appendix A.</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	None
EQUALITY RISK & BENEFITS ASSESSMENT	N/A
APPENDICES	A. Full list of Alarm Awards in 2012
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS	None

1. **INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Over the years, Alarm has strived to share information about the innovative and imaginative approaches its members have used to tackle the issues that they face, and has continually rewarded excellence through the Alarm Annual Awards scheme.
- 1.2 This is the first year in the history of the Awards that one member has received four awards so this is a real achievement for both the Service and the Officers concerned. An overview of each of the award winners is set out below for information.

2. **ALARM AWARDS 2012**

2.1 People Risk: Phoenix Job Centre Plus Programme - Nick Birt - Winner

In 2011, with increasing Youth Unemployment, DSFRS entered into partnership with Jobcentre Plus (JCP), British Red Cross and local colleges in Devon, to create a programme, (Phoenix JCP). The aim is to help get young people aged between 18 – 24 years and claiming JCP allowance back into employment, education or training. Initially DSFRS ran seven pilot Phoenix JCP programmes in Devon. Each programme is seven days long, has twelve attendees and is fully funded through a JCP Flexible Funding grant. The first seven programmes have achieved impressive results with 51% of participants going into employment or work experience (including apprenticeships and work programmes).

2.2 Strategic Risk: IRMP - Jim Holgate - Winner

Our strategic review of risk has enabled us to better understand where our community risks are and to ensure we are able to provide a more effective service that is more efficient as we face challenging economic times. The IRMP approach replaces the Standards of Fire Cover which were formulated in 1936 to deal with the risks associated with a nation at war. With the introduction of the Fire Safety Order in 2004, this approach is out dated, businesses manage their own fire protection systems and health and safety in the work place has greatly improved. This has left the fire and rescue service, nationally, with fire stations positioned to guard already well protected buildings and occupants, whilst the risk today is to people's lives in their homes and vehicles.

2.3 Young risk management achiever of the year: Targeting & Evaluation team - Dave Church – Winner

Trip to Florida, USA 2013 to represent UK Risk Management at Prima's annual risk management conference

Developed community risk profiles for both prevention and protection at service delivery group level. The prevention profiles used a wide array of data both from within the organisation, from partner organisations and make use of the Experian Mosaic Public Sector dataset. These documents highlight risk groups and how they might be targeted with an appropriate prevention activity and feature information about deliberate fires, dwelling fires as well as comparing school catchment areas so schools talks and other activities can be prioritised.

2.4 Operational Risk: Fire Track Asset Management System - Colin Rocky – Runner up

DSFRS identified a need to resolve a lack of asset accountability locally and developed a new asset tracking system, which is being taken up nationally within the Sector. DSFRS staff identified that the system would need both a low tech and high tech solution. Low tech for operational environments and a high tech for station based controlled situations. There are already a number of commercial asset tracking systems available, but it was felt that they didn't match our bespoke risk need. Fire Track was developed and the system has been accepted by national resilience and it will for the first time provide a complete equipment accountability system for all national resilience assets.

3. **PRESENTATION**

3.1 There will be a presentation of the awards to staff at Service Headquarters following the Committee meeting.

3.2 The Committee is asked to note the report and the excellent achievement of the officers concerned.

TREVOR STRATFORD
Director of Service Support

APPENDIX A TO REPORT CSCP/12/2

<p align="center">PEOPLE RISK Sponsored by </p>	<p align="center">WINNER Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service <i>Phoenix – Jobcentre Plus Programme</i></p> <p align="center">HIGHLY COMMENDED Renfrewshire Council <i>Dog Fouling Campaign</i> Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service <i>Volunteers Reducing Risk</i></p>
<p align="center">COMMUNITY RISK Sponsored by </p>	<p align="center">WINNER Renfrewshire Council <i>Safer Renfrewshire Partnership</i></p> <p align="center">HIGHLY COMMENDED Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council <i>Adaptation to severe weather</i> Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council <i>BISNES (Business In Sandwell Network of Environmental Support)</i> Sheffield City Council <i>Risk Management Framework for Schools</i></p>
<p align="center">STRATEGIC RISK Sponsored by </p>	<p align="center">WINNER Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service <i>Strategic Review of Risk</i></p> <p align="center">HIGHLY COMMENDED Gentoo Group Ltd <i>Improving the Health & Safety Culture</i> Hampshire Constabulary <i>Business Continuity in a Changing Climate</i> Lincolnshire County Council <i>Risk Appetite in Practice</i></p>
<p align="center">OPERATIONAL RISK Sponsored by </p>	<p align="center">WINNER Renfrewshire Council <i>The Adult Services Request Team (ASeRT)</i></p> <p align="center">HIGHLY COMMENDED Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service <i>Asset Accountability</i> Thames Valley Police <i>Driver Risks</i></p>
<p align="center">INSURANCE RISK  Sponsored by</p>	<p align="center">WINNER Nottingham City Council <i>Claims Handling, The Transformation Programme</i></p> <p align="center">HIGHLY COMMENDED East Sussex County Council <i>Contractors Liability Insurance Top Up Scheme</i> Salford City Council <i>Review of Insurance Claims and External Claims Handlers</i></p>
<p align="center">RISK MANAGEMENT NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR Sponsored by </p>	<p align="center">WINNER David Church, Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service</p>
<p align="center">RISK MANAGER OF THE YEAR Sponsored by </p>	<p align="center">WINNER Simon Lee, West Mercia Police</p> <p align="center">HIGHLY COMMENDED Mark Jarman, Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service</p>