FIRE STANDARD

Title of Standard	Community Risk Management Planning		
Business Area/Capability	Community Risk Programme		
NFCC Sponsor	NFCC Community Risk Programme		
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Desired Outcome

A fire and rescue service that assesses foreseeable fire and rescue related risks in the area of its authority and uses this knowledge to decide how those risks will be mitigated. A service carrying out community risk management planning will:

- Be able to explain how protection, prevention and response activities will be used to prevent and/or mitigate fires and other incidents to reduce the impact of identified risks on its community and firefighters;
- Based on its governance model, either implement and/or support thorough consultation processes with its stakeholders and communities throughout the community risk management plan's development and at reviews;
- Ensure decision-making regarding resource deployment is driven by a robust risk analysis process which is balanced against organisational resource availability; and
- Create, and be able to evidence, its community risk management plan in line with this structured approach.

To achieve the Fire Standard

A fire and rescue service must:

a) Utilise and share accurate data and business intelligence (from both internal and external sources) to support evidenced-based decision making and organisational learning;

b) Ensure transparency in the community risk management planning process through initiating and/or supporting community and stakeholder engagement and consultation, ensuring this is accessible and publicly available;

c) Ensure that organisational decisions and the controls implemented are fair, support equality and are non-discriminatory;

d) Ensure it meets its legislative, framework and governance requirements linked to Community Risk Management, ensuring the process covers at least a three-year time period and is revised as often as necessary;

e) Be able to explain its external and internal operating environment, the risk groups in its community (people within communities, firefighters, assets or things that could be harmed), and the objectives of its community risk management planning;

f) Identify and describe the hazards it faces, and the hazardous events that could arise from the hazards and cause harm;

g) Analyse risk, consider its risk appetite, determine the risk levels and prioritise risk accordingly;

h) Make decisions about the deployment of resources based on the risk levels and planning assumptions involved. This considers the application of prevention, protection and response activities, in alignment with the people, financial and physical resources available to the FRS;

i) Monitor and review the effectiveness and efficiency of the overall community risk management plan;

j) Be able to clearly define who has overall accountability for the community risk management plan and responsibility for the various components contained within it; and

k) Provide training and support to those who create the community risk management plan, and to those who direct the development of the plan and communicate it to stakeholders.

Legal Requirements or mandatory duties

The key legislation, regulation, and duties linked to a Fire and Rescue Service's community risk management planning include:

Fire and Rescue Services Act
The Regulatory Reform Order
Civil Contingencies Act
National Risk Register of Civil Emergencies
Chapter 4 - Local Responder Risk Assessment Duty
Fire and Rescue National Framework for England
Health and Safety at Work Act

Expected benefits of achieving the Fire Standard

a) National consistency in the development of future focused community risk management plans;

b) Greater consistency in the use of data and business intelligence in community risk management planning;

c) Objective, defensible, and transparent resource deployment decisions that target FRS resources in an efficient and effective manner;

d) Improved trust and confidence of FRS staff, communities, fire authorities, and other stakeholders;

e) Improved safety, health and wellbeing of communities; and

f) Community risk management plans that are aligned to, and support the requirements of, external scrutiny and inspection.

Linked qualifications, accreditations or Fire Standards

Currently there are no specific or linked qualifications and accreditations for this Fire Standard.

Guidance and supporting information

Detailed guidance will be forthcoming regarding each of the components listed above and will be hosted on https://www.ukfrs.com to support fire and rescue services in the development of their community risk management plans.