

The Fire Brigades Union and CACFOA have agreed a JOINT PROTOCOL for Fire & Rescue Authority Community Fire Safety (CFS) strategies. The recent shift to Integrated Risk Management Planning has given this Protocol even greater relevance.

The CACFOA/FBU Joint Protocol on CFS

“ CACFOA and the FBU recognise the value of CFS and jointly support efforts by fire brigades to reduce the numbers of fires, fatalities and injuries from fires through CFS programmes and activities. It is also recognised that fire brigades cannot resolve all the fire safety problems of their communities on their own and will have to both liaise and work closely with other diverse groups and organisations, to ensure the efficient and effective delivery of fire safety programmes.

To these ends, it is jointly recommended therefore that the following principles be adopted when developing CFS strategies and programmes:

1. Brigades should develop with the FBU, on a partnership basis, local agreements (that remain within the overall terms of the National Joint Council – Conditions of Service) regarding CFS programmes and associated activities.
2. CFS programmes should be strategically planned, in conjunction with other agencies and bodies where necessary, and should also be meaningful and relevant to the fire safety problem identified. The proposed outcomes should be realistic and achievable by all those concerned in delivering the programme of activities.
3. Brigades should fully involve the FBU at Brigade Committee level within the brigade in both the strategic and the tactical planning for the delivery of CFS programmes and their associated activities.
4. CFS activities should form part of normal station work routines.
5. All Fire Service personnel involved in CFS activities should be adequately trained and properly equipped to ensure that they are proficient and confident in performing such tasks.
6. Wherever appropriate CFS activities should be risk assessed and adequate safeguards for all concerned in them enforced at all times.
7. Specific safeguards and arrangements must be made locally for CFS activities which particularly involve children, young persons and the older, or less able members of the community.
8. There should be a reporting and assistance mechanism created within all CFS programmes whereby any serious or potentially life threatening fire safety defects discovered by Fire Service personnel as a result of their CFS activities can be dealt with quickly and efficiently at any time.
9. Working within the overall brigade CFS strategy, local CFS activities on fire stations that are developed by Fire Service personnel on those stations should be encouraged and supported by brigades. ”



Community Fire Safety is a major element in overall fire & rescue authority preventative strategies (CFS, Consumer Safety, Statutory Fire Safety & Fire Law Enforcement, Building Regulations & Standards, and Arson Control – **Section 2 page 15**). CFS has the potential to increase the rate of early detection of fires in domestic/residential premises which do not generally fall within the remit of statutory fire safety inspection and enforcement programmes. As such it can inform emergency intervention response planning. There can be little doubt that effectively planned and delivered Community Fire Safety will save lives by both preventing fires occurring in the first instance, and by preparing people and the fire & rescue service for the fires that will still occur.

Thematic Review of Community Fire Safety

The Thematic Review of Community Fire Safety stated:

“The Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers Associations (CACFOA) and the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) are to be congratulated for agreeing the details of a model CFS protocol for brigades and trade unions to use as a process for implementing change.”

Action Point 8 of that report stated:

All brigades should assess their arrangements for internal consultation on CFS matters against the CACFOA/FBU protocol in order to achieve a partnership approach.

The CACFOA/FBU Joint Protocol recognises, as did the authors of the Thematic Review of Community Fire Safety, that a partnership approach is necessary if Community Fire Safety is to recognise its true potential. As stated in the Foreword, the success of wider Integrated Risk Management Planning will also be heavily dependent on recognition of the value of adopting a true partnership approach.

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