

Tripartite Fleet Project Newsletter

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Welcome to the 2nd Tripartite Project Newsletter

Latest News:

- Workshops – Ayr & Kilwinning Ambulance and Police workshop collaboration went live 1 October 2007, Strathclyde Fire & Rescue looking to join collaboration.
- Vehicle Hire.....Questionnaire was sent out in August.
Thanks to all that responded.

Next step: Information sent to Northern Police who are working on national tender for Police, that Fire and Ambulance have potential to have access to.

- Breakdown and Recovery contract that all three services have access to is at Strathclyde Police legal department for approval. Vehicles over 3.5kg have been included
- Green Fleet Review/Travel Planning...Adopted as a "best practice" for all Emergency Services in Scotland.
- Fuel.....Questionnaire was sent out in August.
Thanks to the 95% that responded.

Next step: Expanding the breadth of the data gathering to include Local Authorities who some of the utilise for their internal fuel supplies

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Workstream status:

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- **Strategies & Policies:**

Fleet Transport Strategies and Policies from a number of Emergency Services throughout UK are being used to assist in the production of an overarching Scottish Tri-Services Transport Strategy.

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- **Collaborative Procurement:**
Emergency Warning Systems

The Project Team have been collating information on the types of systems currently in use by the 17 stakeholders across Scotland, informal enquires have been made with several suppliers which indicated that a framework agreement available to all Services would be beneficial.

Explore the Feasibility of Joint Procurement and the Advantages that it will bring.

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- **Technical Standards:**

The AEU Committee of the Fire and Rescue Service has produced the standardised specifications for Compact Medium & Standard Fire Appliances, Chassis Cabins and Vans

A specification for vehicles under 3.5 tonne is currently being drafted.

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- **Fuel:**

Questionnaire results being assessed.

This questionnaire has been circulated to the 32 councils across Scotland and the feedback will be assessed to enable a thorough analysis for the writing of a business case/report.

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- **Insurance:**

The Project Team have been examining the various Alternative Risk Transfer models available for a collaboration of Insurance across the Police, Fire and Ambulance Services in Scotland. In July a Scoping Paper was submitted to the Project Board with details of the Fire and Rescue Authorities Mutual Limited (a collaborative insurance venture by Fire and Rescue Services in England).

Following a meeting with AON, a proposal has been submitted to the Project Review Board recommending that detailed information is obtained and a feasibility study carried out to assess current insurance arrangements and identify a preferred option of Alternative Risk Transfer arrangements across the three Emergency Services in Scotland.

Accident Reduction

The Project Team have been researching the availability of Accident Reduction or Management of Road Risk Policies across the United Kingdom; enquiries have also been made with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).

A Template is currently being drafted and should be available subject to Project Board Approval in December 2007.

- **Performance Management:**

Performance management systems introduced to pilot at Ayr and Kilwinning Ambulance workshops to measure Police and Ambulance availability, downtime and quality of work.

- **Vehicle Workshops:**

Meetings with Lothian & Borders Police and Lothian & Borders Fire to discuss collaboration possibilities.

Meetings with Dumfries and Galloway Police, Fire and Ambulance to discuss collaboration possibilities.

Meetings with Central Scotland Police, Fire and Ambulance to discuss collaboration possibilities.

Meetings with Grampian Police, Fire and Ambulance to discuss collaboration possibilities.

Meetings with Dumfries and Galloway Police, Fire and Ambulance to discuss collaboration possibilities.

Meetings with Strathclyde Police, Fire and Ambulance to discuss Tri-Partite working at Ayr and Kilwinning.

- **Vehicle breakdown/recovery:**

Explore the potential for joined up management, administration and provision of Vehicle Recovery.

Programme team has prepared Project Brief for breakdown and recovery and is looking at all associated (See front cover).

- **Vehicle collection/delivery:**

Two Strathclyde Police workshop Garage Operatives seconded to Ambulance service to carry out collection delivery for both services at Ayr and Irvine.

This will be evaluated to identify Officer downtime.

- **Vehicle Procurement:**

Identify Savings that can be made through Standardising Vehicle Specifications and Joint Procurement.

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- **Green Fleet Review:**

A business case was ratified by the Project Review Board recommending that each Emergency Service in Scotland undergo a green fleet review and Travel Planning consultancy. Green fleet reviews enable organisations cut carbon dioxide emissions and encourage the sustainable use of energy. Green fleet reviews are carried out by independent consultants provided by the Energy Savings Trust which could identify efficiencies of up to 10% of fleet costs.

The travel plan is a package of measures designed to promote more sustainable travel choices within organisations and have many benefits to staff, the community and the environment.

Both initiatives involve the provision of free consultancy advice organised by the Energy Savings Trust and funded by the Scottish Government.

Presently only the Scottish Ambulance Service and Central Scotland Fire and Rescue Service have signed up for these initiatives it is hoped however, that the remainder take full advantage of this free advice

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Key Priorities:

Any enquiries or current joint working practices which you may wish to discuss or take forward, please contact any of the Project Team members.

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