



**NORTH YORKSHIRE  
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

# **Response Strategy 2013/14 – 2015/2016**

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The policy in respect of managing risk from fire and other emergencies through response measures is set out in the Authority's Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP). In order to protect the communities of York and North Yorkshire this Response Strategy describes the Fire Authority's approach to delivering its statutory responsibilities under;

- Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004
- Fire and Rescue National Framework Document
- Civil Contingencies Act 2004

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service's response strategy is based on national guidance and locally derived risk assessments that assist us in making decisions about the distribution of resources for those occasions when emergency assistance is required and we are called to help. Using this method we seek to ensure that the majority of our resources are located where the majority of the risk is and an appropriate immediate response is made to all emergency calls. This initial response is pre-determined according to the type of incident.

The nationally approved method of assessing risk from fires and other emergencies is the Fire Service Emergency Cover (FSEC) model. Using the FSEC tool as a start point we continually analyse incident data and response arrangements to ensure we maintain an appropriate response to risk. We have developed that approach further to include;

- National and local research into deaths and injuries from fires, Road Traffic Collisions and other emergencies.
- Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to plot locations of incidents.
- 5 years of historical incident data and the trends from previous 5 year data sets.
- Nationally recognised best practice applied regionally and nationally.
- Recording and monitoring of our performance against the recommended response standards

In North Yorkshire we have 38 fire stations and 46 fire engines crewed by staff using range of duty systems which enables us to provide an immediate response when called upon. We train and equip our firefighters, control operators and support staff to ensure we are ready and able to provide that immediate response to our community. We despatch pre-determined attendances to incidents based on; the type of incident; information about specific risks and previous experience. We also maintain the flexibility for on scene incident commanders to order assistance from further fire engines or specialist appliances if they decide it necessary after their initial assessment. This initial level of pre-determined response is set out in appendix A.

Where an imbalance between the organisation of our resources and risk is identified, we research underlying causes so that we can consider options to redress the balance as necessary. Where those options identify relocating resources or changes to the Service we provide we consult with those affected.

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From time to time the service will use publicity campaigns and messages broadcast using media which best reflects the needs of the target audience. These messages will be aligned to local and regional imperatives and reflect the Service's objectives.

This Response Strategy ensures that the service is

- Employing appropriate duty systems and rostering arrangements to ensure the appropriate level of skilled firefighters are available
- Providing an appropriate level and distribution of emergency response vehicles and equipment
- Providing an appropriate response to fires and other emergencies.
- Ensuring our fire fighters are highly skilled and trained.
- Maintaining high standards of operational preparedness and firefighter safety.
- Ensuring our operational capabilities and resilience are continually assessed against foreseeable and relevant risks, as noted in Local, Regional and National Risk Registers.
- Undertaking operational and environmental protection risk assessments
- Maintaining robust risk records
- Making sure our emergency vehicles, operational and personal protective equipment are fit for purpose.
- Improving our services by introducing new operational capabilities, such as water rescue, and innovative new equipment and appliances to support our operational needs.
- Maintaining effective cross-border arrangements and can respond effectively to regional and national larger scale incidents when required.
- Continuing to review the need for, and to develop fire stations as a focus for the community when they become due for replacement or refurbishment.

The Response Strategy is key to the Service's Integrated Risk Management Plan and will be delivered against the corporate objectives and the key performance indicators.

NYFRS will also enter into 'Memoranda of Understanding' and mutual assistance arrangements, where it is clear that such an agreement is likely to better support response arrangements that ensure the safety of the communities in the Service area. Any such MoU will clearly recognise the role of the participating agencies.

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<b>Alarms</b>	<b>Default Response</b>
A01 - AFA - Industrial/Commercial	1 P
A02 - AFA - Retail/Public Assembly	1 P
A03 - AFA - Residential Building	1 P
A03 - AFA - Residential No Response	2 P & FDS
A04 - AFA - Agricultural Building	1 P
A05 - AFA - Other	1 P
A06 - AFA - Gas Alarm - Carbon Monoxide	NO ACTION
A06 - AFA - Gas Alarm - Methane Hawes Fire Station	FDS ONLY
A06 - AFA - Gas Alarm - Other	1 P
A07 - AFA - Domestic Smoke Alarm	1 P
<b>Fires</b>	<b>Default Response</b>
F01 - Fire - Persons Reported	2 P & FDS
F01 - Fire - Single Person on Fire	2 P & FDS
F02 – Fire - Industrial/Commercial	2 P
F03 – Fire - Retail/Public Assembly	2 P
F04 – Fire - High Rise	2 P & ALP
F04 - Fire - Prison	2 P & FDS
F04 – Fire - Residential	2 P
F05 – Fire - Agricultural Building	2 P
F06 – Fire - Silo / Grain Dryer	2 P, HRU/ISU & FDS
F07 – Fire - Building Other	2 P

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Fires	Default Response
F07 - Fire - Roof	2 P & ALP
F09 – Fire - Chimney (Not Occupier)	2 P
F09 – Fire - Chimney (Occupier)	1 P
F09 – Fire - Chimney Thatched	2 P
F10 – Fire - Derelict Building	2 P
F11 – Fire - Vehicle Large	2 P
F12 – Fire - Vehicle LPG Fuelled	2 P
F12 – Fire - Vehicle Small	1 P
F13 – Fire - Railway Embankment	1 P
F14 – Fire - Caravan / Camping - Off Site	1 P
F14 – Fire - Caravan / Camping - On Site	2 P
F15 – Fire - Cylinder - Acetylene	2 P & HMEPO
F15 - Fire - Cylinder - General	2 P
F15 - Fire - Cylinder - LPG	2 P
F16 – Fire - Electrical Installations (Non Domestic)	1 P
F16 - Fire - Electrical Substation	2 P
F17 – Fire - Post Box	1 P
F17 – Fire - Road Furniture	1 P
F18 - Fire - Forestry	2 P
F18 – Fire - In Open Large	2 P
F18 - Fire - Moor	1 P & SCO (OR 2 P)

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<b>Fires</b>	<b>Default Response</b>
F19 – Fire - In Open Small	1 P
F19 - Fire - Standing Crops	2 P
F20 – Fire - Confined Space	2 P, HRU/ISU & FDS
F21 – Fire - Late Fire Call - Less Than One Hour	2 P
F21 – Fire – Late Fire Call - More Than One Hour	1 P
F22 - Fire - Smoke / Fire Sighted (In Open)	1 P
<b>Haz Mat and Environment Protection</b>	<b>Default Response</b>
H01 - Haz Mat - Gas Involved	2 P
H02 - Haz Mat - Goods Washed Ashore	1 P & FDS
H02 - Haz Mat - Minor	1 P & FDS
H03 - Haz Mat - Bio Hazard	3 P, HRU/ISU, SECU & HMEPO
H03 - Haz Mat - Chemical Suicide	3 P, HRU/ISU, SECU & HMEPO
H03 – Haz Mat - Major	3 P, HRU/ISU, SECU & HMEPO
H04 - Haz Mat - Oil Pollution	3 P, HRU/ISU, SECU & HMEPO
H05 - Haz Mat - Pipeline	3 P, HMEPO & FDS
H06 - Haz Mat - Radiation Involved	3 P, HRU/ISU, SECU & HMEPO
H06 - Haz Mat - Transport Radiation Involved	3 P, HRU/ISU, SECU & HMEPO

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<b>Unlawful Act / Public Order</b>	<b>Default Response</b>
P01 - Public Order - Bomb Alert	1 P
P01 - Public Order - Bomb Alert - FRS Premises	1 P
P01 - Public Order - Bomb Suspected or Confirmed	2 P & FDS
P02 - Public Order - Explosion	2 P & FDS
P03 - Public Order - CBRNE Level 1	2 P, HRU/ISU, WB, CCBRN, FDS, HMEPO, AM
P03 - Public Order - CBRNE Level 2	7 P, IRU, ICU, GM, 3 FDS, HMEPO
P03 - Public Order - CBRNE Level 3	7 P, IRU, GM, 2 FDS, HMEPO
P03 - Public Order - CBRNE Level 4	7 P, IRU, GM, 2 FDS, HMEPO
P03 - Public Order - CBRNE - White Powder	NO ACTION
<b>Rescues</b>	<b>Default Response</b>
R01 - Rescue - Animal Large	FDS ONLY
R02 - Rescue - Animal Small	FDS ONLY
R03 - Rescue - Lift	1 P
R04 - Rescue - Persons Trapped Emergency	1 P, HRU & FDS
R04 - Rescue - Confined space	2 P, HRU/ISU, FDS & NEBOSH
R04 - Rescue - Collapsed Building	3 P, HRU & FDS
R04 - Rescue - Cave/Pothole	1 P, HRU & FDS
R05 - Rescue - Persons Trapped Non Emergency	1 P
R06 - Rescue - From Height	1 P, ALP, GOTCHA & FDS
R06 - Rescue - Mast	1 P, ALP, GOTCHA & FDS
R07 - Rescue - Unstable Ground, Mud and Ice	TWR

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<b>Rescues</b>	<b>Default Response</b>
R08 - Rescue - Water - body recovery	1 P
R08 - Rescue - Water - Moving / Open	2 WR (L3), 2 WR (L2), FDS (L5) & FDS
R08 - Rescue - Water - Non-life Risk	1 P
R08 - Rescue - Water - Spate Conditions	1 P
R08 - Rescue - Water - Still /Shallow	2 P & FDS
R08 - Rescue - Water - York Rivers	2 P, WRU, FDS (L5) &FDS
R09 - Rescue - RTC Persons Trapped Large Vehicle	2 P, HRU & FDS
R10 - Rescue - RTC Persons Trapped small Vehicle	2 P & FDS
<b>Humanitarian / Special Service</b>	<b>Default Response</b>
S01 - SS - Advice Given	NO ACTION
S02 - SS - Assist Other Agency - Emergency	1 P
S02 - SS - Person Collapsed	1 P
S02 - SS - Suicide (Including Attempts)	1 P
S03 - SS - Assist Other Agency - Non Emergency	1 P
S03 - SS - Bariatric Patient	1 P & FDS
S05 - SS - Dangerous Structure	FDS ONLY
S06 - SS - Building Collapse	1 P, HRU & FDS
S07 – SS - Fire Safety Issue	NO ACTION
S07 - SS - FRS Complaint/Issue	NO ACTION
S08 - SS - Flooding - In Open	1 P
S09 - SS - Flooding - Inside Premises	FDS ONLY

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<b>Humanitarian / Special Service</b>	<b>Default Response</b>
S11 - SS - Inform Other Agency - Non Emergency	NO ACTION
S12 - SS - Persons Locked Out/In	1 P
S13 - SS - RTC Scene Safety	1 P
S13 – SS - Vehicle Leaking Fuel	1 P
S13 – SS - Wash Down Roadway	1 P
S14 – SS - Other Chargeable Service	FDS ONLY
S14 – SS - Supply Water	1 P
<b>Transport</b>	<b>Default Response</b>
T01 – Transport - Aircraft Crash	3 P, HRU & FDS
T02 - Transport - Aircraft Fire	3 P, HRU & FDS
T04 - Transport - Aircraft Landing	1 P
T05 - Transport - Aircraft in Distress	3 P, HRU & FDS
T06 - Transport - Ship Fire - Inshore	2 P & FDS
T09 - Transport - Boat Rescue	1 P
T10 - Transport - Boat Fire	2 P & FDS
T11 - Transport - Boat Stability	1 P
T12 – Transport - Train Fire - Goods	2 P & FDS
T13 – Transport - Train Fire - Passenger	2 P & FDS
T14 - Transport - Train Crash	3 P, HRU & FDS