

Arson Reduction Strategy Bromley Borough 2013/14

Incident Response:

Fire Incidents that are attended by the London Fire Brigade within Bromley that are classified as being of a deliberate nature, will generate the following actions:

The **LFB Officer in charge** will fully investigate the circumstances of the fire and determine the details surrounding the event. If necessary the specialist Fire Investigation team will be utilised to ensure information accuracy.

Once it has been determined the fire is deliberate, an electronic form will be generated. This is called the: e-fit: **Notification of deliberate/Fatal fire report**. This form is automatically sent by the LFB to the Police for their further investigation.

Simultaneously the e-fit is also sent to the **LFB Community Safety Liaison Officer (LFB CSLO)**. They will review all incidents and analyse the data for a number of factors such as: Ward Area/Incident type/Frequency/Possible Partner involvement and Tasking.

When it is apparent support is required from a Borough Partner the **LFB CSLO** will contact the Ward Council Community Safety Officer . They will liaise with the necessary partner and ensure a robust follow up is conducted.

Where there is a serious incident that requires immediate Police action, the **LFB CSLO** will also liaise with the Inspector responsible for that area. In Bromley the area is divided: North West/North East/South West/South East.

Quality Assurance and review:

On a quarterly basis the **LFB CSLO** will Chair an Arson Sub Group meeting. Here the previous actions agreed by the partners will be reviewed and Incident data analysed. An Action Plan will be agreed identifying partners, to address any issues or to confirm tasks.

Pro Active Systems to prevent Deliberate Fires:

Visual Audits:

The Boroughs 5 front line Fire Engines will conduct a total of 120 visits a quarter. These visits will be planned by the **LFB CSLO** following a review of deliberate fire data. Each visit will focus on areas with increased arson activity for a rolling 12 month period. Here the Fire Engine officer will identify possible arson targets, record the area of concern, and forward information to the Council Report it site.

JFIS:

The Juvenile Fire setters Intervention Scheme in Bexley works with all young people up to the age of 18 years who have demonstrated any type of fire play or fire setting behaviour; from curiosity fire-play in younger children to deliberate fire setting and arson in older teenagers.

Trained JFIS advisors work in pairs with the young people to re-address the fire setting behaviour through identifying its cause, looking at the consequences of such actions and providing fire safety education and advice to both the child and their parents/guardians

LIFE (Local Fire Intervention Education) Initiative:

The LFB within Bromley can provide LIFE courses to support the Borough council if funding is agreed. Each course will cater for 16 young adults and each course is specifically designed to stop these young adults from engaging in Anti Social Behaviour, of which Arson plays a major role.

Impact Factor:

The LFB within Bromley can provide Impact Factor days in Secondary Schools to support the Borough council if funding is agreed . These days will focus on year 8 and year 9 and will deliver to all pupils in the chosen year group. Again these days are specifically designed to stop youths engaging in Anti Social Behaviour, of which Arson plays a major role.

Partners within the Arson Sub Group:

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Bromley Arson Reduction Strategy Flow Chart

