

Fire Service

Pre-Incident Planning & Fire Service
Liaison / Role

Fire Service Responder Issues and Historic Buildings

- Highly Combustible Components
- Compartmentation
- Access & Egress
- Variation in structures
- Human behaviour
- Fire development time (increased hazard)
- Fire Service objectives

- Damage (Smoke, Fire and Water)
- Pre Incident Planning
 - Effective approach
 - Maximise salvage strategy success
 - Finite resources, limited time.
 - Partnership approach
 - Effective / efficient on site plans
- Community fire service

- Often happen at worst time for resources, key staff unavailable
- Written procedures, training and exercising vital
- Not an onerous task, expertise and assistance is available

Existing Plans

- Is there one in place
- Fit for purpose
 - More than a check list of priorities such as salvage priorities and telephone numbers
- Need Structure, allocated clear roles and responsibilities
- Staff and responders working together
- Clear expectations on what each party can achieve both internal and external

- Plans tends to mix policy and procedural items, core content and appendices.
- brief policy section which clearly differentiates between the planning / preparedness, emergency / response and subsequent recovery phases.
- The planning phase should consider the implications from as many credible scenarios as possible including Fire, Flood and Hazardous Materials incidents e.g. acid attacks, “white powder” attacks and general vandalism.

Role & Responsibilities

- roles and responsibilities of all staff to establish clear demarcation in relation to what is required from each staff member;
- Pre-incident - (Preparedness)
- During an incident - (Response)
- Post-incident – (Recovery)
- This can easily be achieved by the creation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) or Task Lists for each phase which incorporates simple flowcharts as an aide-memoire for the particular staff member.
- It is also important to clarify the roles of staff vis-à-vis the emergency services.

- Reporting problems
- Staff safety, training
- Consistency in planning arrangements and Plan development
- In house champion
- Buy in from all