



# Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Scrutiny Committee

19th July 2024

Jane Whichello  
Head of Volunteering &  
Community Services,  
SWASFT



# Two different types of Fire Responders operating in Gloucestershire



Co-Responding Stations	
Station	Who provides the vehicle
Coleford	GFRS
Dursley	SWASFT
Fairford	SWASFT
Lydney	GFRS
Moreton in Marsh	SWASFT
Newent	GFRS
Northleach	SWASFT
Stow on the Wold	SWASFT
Tetbury	GFRS
Wotton	GFRS
Cardiac Care Responder Stations	
Cheltenham Centre	
Cheltenham Uckington	
Gloucester South	
Gloucester North	

**\*\*Chipping Campden no longer Co-Responding due to colleagues leaving the service**





# In the last 12 months, Gloucestershire Fire Co-Responders have reached scene approximately 600 times



14/07/2023 - 14/07/2024 (12 month data)			
	At Scene only	At Scene & First On scene only	All incidents (Attendance, stood down & unavailable on request)
Cat1	559	400	1130
Cat2	26	19	116
Cat3	14	12	64
Cat4	0	0	1
Cat5	0	0	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>1333</b>

Fire Responders arrived on scene at approximately 45% of incidents. For the remaining incidents, they were either unavailable, or stood down by SWASFT prior to arrival. Coleford, Tetbury and Lydney account for almost 60% of incidents attended.



# What Is Going Well?

- Positive working relationship with Mike Lovegrove, Gloucestershire Fire Service Lead.
- SWASFT vehicles are now being maintained by the Ambulance Vehicle Preparation team at Staverton Station.
- Mike and the Gloucestershire Volunteering & Community Services Officer are holding Teams meetings with fire station leads on Co-Responding .
- ORH Modelling looked at the impact of each current station on the Category 1 response time and the potential for each station if there was greater availability e.g. Newent. Working with Mike to understand this data and maximise contribution.



# Moving Forwards

- Aim is to agree a common MoU across all 5 fire and rescue services in the SWASFT Region, to achieve consistency in:
  - Level of training - To PHEM Level C
  - Incident types attended
  - Kit and equipment carried
- Current MoU with Gloucestershire Fire excludes attendance to patients <8 years of age.
- Agreement in principle for all Co-Responders to be carrying tourniquets.
- Bringing new Co-Responders on-line - 44 active Co-Responder and 17 waiting to go-live.
- Ambition to trial use of the National Mobilisation App for some Co-Responding vehicles.
- We need to only allocate Fire Co-Responders where you can really add value.
- Very helpful for SWASFT when the Fire Co-Responder is willing to single crew.

