
All Station/Brigade Reps – Briefing Note 01/15

RFU Circular **Position Statement on Attendance at Marauding Terrorist Incidents**

In the event of any sort of major terrorist or other significant attack in our communities it is inevitable that firefighters will be mobilised to provide help and support.

The initial stages of this type of incident are going to be dynamic and fluid, there will be confusion and the likelihood of misidentification of the incident type will be significant

A great deal of national planning and preparation work has been undertaken for a range of scenarios which include planning assumptions and the development of a concept of operations outlining how the FRS may support the rescue of seriously injured people to a place of relative safety.

The RFU is involved at the highest level and believes there is a considerable moral imperative that will drive RFU members to perform rescues and provide assistance in these types of incidents, therefore the RFU will support its member's involvement in Marauding Terrorists and Firearms (MTFA) type training and development strictly on a voluntary basis until on-going national work is completed. These arrangements may be negotiated locally with the oversight and agreement of the RFU.

Full consultation with the RFU must take place, local agreements must be voluntary and strictly time limited, with a full review before the local agreement is renewed. The following points must be included in the consultation

1. Full details of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).
2. A copy of the Generic Risk Assessment (GRA).
3. Details of the kit and equipment.
4. Details of the training plan.
5. Details of insurance cover and the impact on individual's personal insurance cover.

6. Assurances that pensions cover will be maintained.
7. An understanding that FRS staff will not be deployed into 'Hot Zones' where terrorists are still active.
8. Details of any additional payments offered (ARA).

Further advice and guidance is available from head office. The RFU must be informed immediately of any approach from any service asking members to participate in any "*new threat*" type activity.

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