

Shirley Towers Incident – Organisational Improvement Steering Group update

List of final 12 issues requiring action that are still outstanding

1. Improve the system for monitoring rescue of persons requiring survival advice, especially where there are multiple occupants
2. Review the FDS¹ officer role and consider the need for specialist command officers
3. Review the incident debrief process
4. Review and improve the supervision and support for Breathing Apparatus (BA) Entry Control Operators at incidents
5. Research and develop improved BA drawing board for use at large BA incidents
6. Research and develop a temperature monitoring device suitable for use by all firefighters in breathing apparatus
7. Review and revise breathing apparatus search patterns
8. Establish standardised search patterns across all fire and rescue services
9. Improve teaching in the science of fire and fire behaviour for all firefighters
10. Include the need for risk assessment to be formally assessed within the Workplace Assessment Scheme
11. Explore how tactical level decision making can be improved and introduce a tactical level decision making model
12. Improve the process for briefing officers and appliances already on route to an incident

¹ Flexible duty system – the Flexible Duty System applies to all uniformed officers of station, group and area manager roles. the primary purpose of the flexible duty system is to ensure continuity of officer fire cover arrangements, including specialist functional officers, across the county for incident command purposes.