

SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY

SECTION 1 - STATEMENT OF INTENT



Lancashire Combined Fire Authority (LCFA) is the board responsible for providing an effective and efficient Fire and Rescue Service for Lancashire through the delivery of a range of services including:

- Emergency response
- Prevention and protection activities
- Specialist support and administration

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) sites are spread throughout the county of Lancashire, including the unitary authorities of Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool. LFRS has 39 fire stations, plus a Headquarters site in Preston and a Training Centre in Chorley which also includes an Urban Search and Rescue facility.

The Chair of the Fire Authority (CFA) and Chief Fire Officer (CFO) has overall responsibility for compliance with the Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) Policy and the Health and Safety and Environmental Management Systems and recognise the impact that a positive health, safety and wellbeing culture can have on the organisation.

We are committed to the continuous improvement of safety, health and environmental performance and management for the services we deliver and activities we undertake. We will aspire to the highest standards of health, safety and wellbeing for our staff and prevent pollution and minimise our impacts on the environment. To achieve this we will provide adequate financial and physical resources, competent staff and expert advice when required.

We will deliver our services and activities in a manner that provides a safe place of work for staff, contractors and visitors and protects the environment.

Our aims and objectives are to:

- Understand and ensure as a minimum, compliance with safety, health and environmental regulatory and other requirements that apply to our activities and services.
- Be fully committed to the prevention of injury and ill health to staff and visitors and provide and maintain high facility, workplace and housekeeping standards.
- Continually develop and maintain systems and procedures to ensure that all equipment, plant and premises are safe and do not have an adverse effect on health and wellbeing and the environment.
- Consult and communicate with staff and representative bodies promoting safety, health, wellbeing and environmental expectations and standards.
- Identify hazards, aspects and impacts and reduce risks to as low as is reasonably practicable, whilst being risk aware rather than risk adverse.
- Raise awareness, train staff in safety, health, wellbeing and environmental matters and encourage our staff to play an active role in reducing impacts and risks and contributing to policy and procedural implementation.
- Support staff fitness and wellbeing through the provision of equipment and resources.
- Plan and set objectives, targets and programmes and monitor and review our systems using proactive and reactive methods to continually improve our safety, health, wellbeing and environmental performance reporting progress each year.
- Have appropriate plans/arrangements to deal with emergency situations.
- Manage waste according to our duty of care, minimising waste going to landfill, by re-use and recycling wherever possible.
- Purchase goods and services that minimises the consumption of natural resources, where possible.
- Implement energy saving technologies and initiatives.
- Hold contractors and third parties accountable for adhering to the Service's health, safety and environmental policy and audit contractor systems and procedures to ensure satisfactory health, safety and environmental performance.
- Actively monitor, audit and review to improve systems, processes, health, safety and environmental performance.

This policy forms an integral part of our Integrated Risk Management Planning and Corporate Planning processes and Business Continuity Arrangements.

The policy will be displayed on all LFRS premises, available and communicated to workers within the organisation and available to interested parties, as appropriate.

The policy will be reviewed periodically not exceeding three years to ensure it remains relevant and appropriate.

Handwritten signature of Francesco De Molfetta.

Francesco De Molfetta
Chair of the Fire Authority

Handwritten signature of Justin Johnston.

Justin Johnston
Chief Fire Officer

September 2019

www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk

If you would like a copy of this document in large print, audio, braille or another language please telephone 01772 866791