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London’s preparations for the 2012 Olympics

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Introduction

- Key role for Fire and Rescue Service in delivery of a safe and secure Olympic and Paralympic Games
- London Fire Brigade coordinating FRS involvement in Games planning on behalf of FRS
- LFB delivering a safe Games for the people of, and visitors to, London during 2012

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Risks

- Olympic Strategic, Security and Safety Risk Assessment developed by Civil Contingencies Secretariat
- Identifies the top 24 hazards and threats to the Games with a fire specific risk
- LFB encouraging same approach for all FRS

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Assurance

- LFB and Chief Fire and Rescue Advisor have developed an assurance model for UKFRS
- Assures local planning against FRS commitments, and Olympic risks
- Links into Olympic Security and Safety Assurance Strategy

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Training and Development

- National training working group integrated by;
    - Using regional resilience exercises to test preparedness
    - Testing local plans against Olympic risks
    - Testing National Co-ordination and Advisory Framework arrangements

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Training and Development

- Extensive training and development programme designed
- Total of 12 web portal training packages have been developed
- Four training packages have been released to date covering
  - Security awareness
  - Faith awareness
  - Olympic awareness & working practices
  - Venue operation plans

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It’s not just an operational response

- Regulatory Fire Safety work key to development of Olympic and Paralympic venues
- Community safety opportunities supported by LOCOG ‘Inspire’ branding
- Integrated into London City Operations Programme
- LFB supporting Greater London Authority and London Boroughs during Games time

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Media and Communications

- Share communications and information between FRS's
- Work together on national media and staff communications
- Understand the gold communications structure and purpose
- Reflect national communications being developed by others

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Benefits for the FRS

- Working with local, regional, national and international partners
- Assisting Department for Communities and Local Government to ensure FRS meet International Olympic Committee commitments
- FRS enhanced reputation with partners as having a key role in major event planning

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