



## **VOLUNTARY SECTOR LIAISON COMMITTEE – 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2015**

**SUBJECT: ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR**

**REPORT BY: SOUTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

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The South Wales Fire and Rescue Service has carried out the following work of interest within the Caerphilly Borough area since the last Voluntary Sector Committee Meeting held on 16th September 2015.

### Participation in Operation Bang

Each year anti-social behaviour and the dangerous use of fireworks surrounding Halloween and Bonfire night has resulted in attacks on fire crews and other emergency services. For the past 6 years the Fire Crime Unit at SWFRS has been working with our partners to control and reduce the number of attacks on crews and the number of unwanted bonfires over this period.

### Key Areas of Work for the Fire Crime Unit

- High Visibility Patrols
- Identification of Dangerous Bonfires
- Identification of Bonfires – single point of contact identified
- Monitoring community bonfires to ensure safety of materials being added
- SWFRS working with Police and Community Wardens
- All high risk Arson Vulnerability Assessments (AVA) followed up and completed
- Multi Agency Community Action Days organised
- Engagement with youth groups in many areas
- Meetings with local traders in hot spot areas to discuss the storage of rubbish adjacent to buildings.

In addition to Operation Bang, we also delivered the following:

Home Fire Safety Talks delivered to Ystrad Mynach Hospital, carers group (Audience participation of 30+)

Home Fire Safety Talk delivered to Age Connects, local group (Audience participation of 10+)

Home Fire Safety attendance at Caerphilly Disability Forum Information Sharing Event (Attendance of 100+)

Road Traffic Presentations including Domino Presentations to Ystrad Mynach College (Audience participation of 150+)

Continued delivery of Home Fire Safety Checks, to high risk / vulnerable individuals within the area.

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