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Our ref: 061_1920

Dyddiad/Date: 22/05/2019

RE: Request for Information held by SWFRS

Your request ref: **061_1920** has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked us:

Hi - I'm a crime novelist writing a series set in Cardiff, and wondered if you'd be able to help with a few points of accuracy? In a serious fire (at a scrapyards in this instance) where there's been a fatality and likely murder, who would initially take charge (rank and terminology of firefighter) and when would the scene be handed over to the police, and how?

The first attending appliance at the incident would have either as Crew or Watch Manager(CM/WM) in charge. Dependent on the number of appliances sent to the incident, would dictate if a Station Manager(SM) would be mobilized to resume the role of Incident Commander(IC). This would tend to be when the number of appliances is 3 or more.

The WM would then carry out a through handover to the SM. Once a fatality has been identified, close liaison with ambulance and police would continue to confirm, life extinct and then to preserve scene, once the emergency phase of the incident is over (fire extinguished).

The SM would then request, via fire control, the attendance of the duty Fire Investigation Officer, to commence a joint investigation with the Police Scenes of Crime Officer(SOCO). A Group Manager(GM) would be mobilized to scene to take charge of the incident due to the fatality.

Duty Group Managers (GM), Area Manager (AM) as well as the Brigade Manager (BM) would also be informed of the incident.

The scene would be handed over to Police once the emergency phase of the incident is over (Fire Extinguished) and a joint investigation would then commence. The handover would be carried out by the most senior fire officer on scene, utilising a handover form which is signed by both parties.

If you have any queries regarding your Freedom of Information request, please contact us at Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk quoting the reference number above in any future communication.

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Information Commissioner's Office-Wales,
2nd Floor,
Churchill House,
Churchill Way,
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CF10 2HH.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours Faithfully

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