



CFRS Weekly Update – 26/6/26

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**** Please note that the above information should be shared with all staff on parade.**

Detailed information for each of these headlines can be found below.



Risk Critical / Operational

Long-serving Station Manager retires

Station Manager Pete Kavanagh switched off his alerter after 28 years of service on Friday 19 June in front of a packed Control Room at CFRS HQ Penrith.



Pete joined Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service in 1998 and has made a huge contribution both as a wholetime and on-call firefighter over the decades since, with his time on Green Watch at Workington Fire Station in particular holding many happy memories.

Crews from Shap, Sedbergh, Appleby, and Kirkby Stephen fire stations organised a farewell training exercise for Pete earlier this month, and he was presented with a certificate of recognition and a commemorative axe by Assistant Chief Fire Officer Lauren Woodward.



Pete said: "I'm grateful to everyone I've had the privilege of serving alongside throughout my career. The friendships, lessons and shared experiences have shaped me in ways I'll carry for the rest of my life.

"Being a firefighter is more than just a job – it's a unique opportunity to help people when they need it most and to potentially make a difference every single day.

"I consider myself incredibly fortunate and proud of what we achieved together in the communities we served. And for me, it will always be the coolest job ever."

Operational Monthly Learning Brief – April 2026 Edition

In this month's issue, you will find:

Common Learning

- ▶ OTHERS and ARA scanning
- ▶ Isolating utilities correctly
- ▶ Fires in tall buildings – sectorisation refresher
- ▶ Swift water rescue (SWR) – location of capabilities
- ▶ Gain entry – securing property
- ▶ Command support
- ▶ Residential Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (RPEEP)
- ▶ NWAS escalation process
- ▶ Learning from other services

Case Study

- ▶ Cirencester BESS fire

North West Regional Organisational Learning Seminar

Platforms app

- ▶ What information is available in the Platforms app?

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Kasey Grainger

Station Manager – Operational Planning

Summer safety community and media engagement campaign continues

Summer safety messaging focused on water and wildfires has continued this week with Cumbria and the wider country facing a heatwave and temperatures passing 30C in many places.

Among those supporting the work were Bootle Fire Station, who visited Waberthwaite School and helped the pupils to cool down in the heat with a hose, while Carlisle firefighters visited William Howard School alongside GLL swimming teachers who are also Royal Life Saving Society UK trainer assessors to educate the young people about staying safe and looking after each other.



This engagement work led by crews across the county was also backed up by a media campaign, which included Willy Watson, Station Manager for LCU 7 (Ambleside, Kendal, Staveley, Windermere), joining BBC Radio Cumbria's breakfast show on Tuesday to promote water and wildfire safety messaging.

On Wednesday Jennie Schamp, Area Manager for Prevention, and crew from Penrith Fire Station joined ITV on the shore of Ullswater to again emphasise the importance of being prepared and knowing what to do in an emergency – this coverage ran across ITV Border and Granada and included a demonstration of how to Float to Live and use a throwline.

Business engagement campaign continues in the Lakes

Our Fire Protection continued its proactive business engagement campaign last week with a visit to Glenridding, Pooley Bridge and Patterdale. We engaged with 24 businesses, utilising new business engagement booklets we have designed by CFRS to use during the visits and to leave with each business for them to refer back to.

This brings the total number of businesses engaged with so far across three days of activity to 267. These visits are helping to improve understanding of fire safety and responsibilities in our business community.

Brian Ing

Station Manager – Fire Protection



Vacancies

Fire Protection Coordinator x2

Salary: £26,403–£26,824 pro rata

Locations: Countywide

Hours: 37 hours per week

Contract: Permanent x2

Closing Date: 11.59pm, Sunday 12 July 2026

Interviews: Tuesday 28 July 2026 at Carlisle East Fire Station

For more information: <https://www.cumbriafire.gov.uk/cfrs0179-fire-protection-coordinators-x2>

Ad Hoc Support – Technical and Fleet Services

We are seeking flexible and reliable personnel to provide ad hoc support to our Technical and Fleet Services team as and when required. This opportunity is ideal for individuals who can assist on a short-notice or project basis, supporting a range of operational and logistical activities.

Support may include (but is not limited to):

- ▶ PPE replacement programme – assisting with data collection and distribution
- ▶ Stores operations – picking, packing, and organisation of equipment and materials
- ▶ Appliance changeovers – helping with preparation, movement, and equipment changeover
- ▶ Project support – contributing to future technical and fleet-related initiatives

What we're looking for:

- ▶ Flexible and dependable individuals
- ▶ Good organisational and practical skills
- ▶ Ability to work as part of a team or independently
- ▶ A proactive approach and willingness to assist across varied tasks

Work will be offered on an ad hoc basis, depending on need, hours and duration will vary depending on the task or project. Full guidance and task-specific instructions will be provided at the time

If you are interested in supporting Technical and Fleet Services on an ad hoc basis, please register your interest with Station Manager Jonny Wills on 07879117506 or email Jonathan.Wills@cumbriafire.gov.uk. Please include your name, station, and if you can drive appliances. You will then be added to the pool where requests for assistance will be made.

Jonny Wills

Station Manager – Technical and Fleet Services



Other

New asset management system to resolve estates issues more efficiently launching soon

Soon we will be launching a new asset management system developed by Civica Property Management. This is part of a wider improvement to asset management of our estate. Our new asset management system will provide a more efficient central hub to hold all our asset information. It will also provide firefighters and staff with a more efficient helpdesk facility.

If there is an issue related to our estates buildings or rooms, you will be able to access the asset management system and record all the information regarding your concern. The system will send the report to the Estates Administration team, who will then action your request.

The system is easy to use – all you need to do is provide the necessary information on the location, the fault and your contact details before hitting submit.

Access to the asset management system will be on the CFRS SharePoint. A **step-by-step guide including a video is available** via the intranet at *SharePoint > Help & Support > User Guides & Tutorials > Estates System* so you can complete your submission appropriately (link below).

[Estates System](#)

This system is for non-PFI buildings only. Please report faults for PFI buildings as you normally would.

All Fire users will receive an email with a request to join our tenant as guest users once the system is live. Please check your junk inbox regularly to ensure this isn't missed. An example of the email is seen below:

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Wed 24/06/2021

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A further update regarding when the system will go live will follow. If you have any questions, please contact:

HQEstates&FacilitiesDepartment1@cumbria.police.uk.

Phil Robinson

Head of Estates

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Equality,
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