



CFRS Weekly Update – 31/7/26

Weekly Update – At a Glance

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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

North West Fire control service update

Further to our update earlier this week, North West Fire Control remains in the Business Continuity (BC) Event – NWFC is temporarily prioritising operational resilience, service delivery, and staff welfare in response to a sustained period of heightened control room activity.

What this means for Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service

The invocation of a NWFC Business Continuity Event requires fire and rescue services to support measures designed to reduce avoidable demand on Control and maintain service resilience across the partnership.

FRSs are requested to:

- ▶ Review any planned exercises, training activities or debriefs involving Control and amend or postpone these where appropriate
- ▶ Reinforce strict adherence to standard radio procedures, particularly the use of short stop codes, to minimise radio traffic and support efficient incident management

 [Ops use of Radios and MDT's including NWFC Booklet.docx](#)

 [Standard Radio Messages.doc](#)

- ▶ Direct all mobilisation-related queries through the nominated FRS Single Point of Contact (SPOC) who will assess and triage requests before escalation to NWFC
- ▶ **Test turnouts** must not be carried out unless vital to do so
- ▶ **Only raise mobilisation queries with NWFC where they are immediate risk-critical or safety-critical matters. Any other queries must be directed to Operational Planning for triage.**
- ▶ **Ensure operational crews and officers restrict administrative calls to Control and only contact NWFC regarding active incidents, or issues that are risk-critical or safety-critical. Anything which is not risk-critical to be directed to Operational Planning.**
- ▶ Only risk-critical and safety-critical work is routed through Control via Service Single Points of Contact (SPoCs)

Cumbria's SPoCs are SM Kasey Grainger and GM Owen McCarney, if they are unavailable and your query is urgent, please contact the duty GM.

A review of these working arrangements will take place on **6 August 2026**.

Please contact Operational Planning with any queries:

OpsPlanning@cumbriafire.gov.uk

TFFA catch-up courses – book now!

There are currently two TFFA catch-up courses scheduled for Wednesday 5 August and Thursday 13 August. At present, only two personnel are booked on to each course.

Please could **all Supervisory Managers** make every effort to identify and book any personnel who are approaching their BATL expiry date on to one of these courses. Thank you for your support.

Joe Kenny

Crew Manager – Learning and Development

Silloth Fire Station Paxton System now live

A Paxton System is now live for the doors at Silloth Fire Station, meaning you will only be able to access the station via your Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service ID badge.

If you have lost your ID badge or the expiry date has passed, please inform BusinessSupport@cumbriafire.gov.uk who will issue you with a new ID card.

Jane Walker

Business Support Team Leader

Cheshire FRS Operational Monthly Learning Brief – June 2026

Please be aware that these case studies are from other services and their policies and procedures will differ from Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service.

- ▶ Euro Rescue app
- ▶ Electric vehicle safety cards
- ▶ The battery-enabled electric combi boiler
- ▶ Ten seconds triage (TST)
- ▶ Plug-in solar panels
- ▶ HM Coastguard/RNLI at water incidents
- ▶ Learning from the past
- ▶ Paul's Hair and Beauty, Manchester – July 13, 2013
- ▶ New SOP System and Operational Guidance page

Operational Monthly Learning – June 2026 – Overview | Rise 360

Kasey Grainger

Station Manager – Operational Planning

Greater Manchester FRS Organisational Learning Brief – July 2026

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- ▶ A look at motorway procedures relating to rolling roadblocks
- ▶ A deeper look at Butane Honey Oil labs
- ▶ A review of an incident involving an animal rescue
- ▶ An introduction to SkillStream and a look at Incident Command Awareness sessions

► Learning from recent OLS submissions regarding water rescue and the survivability model

Organisational Learning Brief – July 2026

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Station Manager – Operational Planning



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Wellbeing Survey launched – we want to hear from you!

Your wellbeing is important to us. By completing this survey, you'll help us better understand the challenges, barriers and opportunities that exist across CFRS. Your feedback will directly inform how we develop services, support and initiatives to create a more inclusive and supportive workplace.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and is open to all CFRS employees. Scan the QR code below to complete the survey or use the link:



Victoria Barnes

Resourcing, Talent and Wellbeing Lead

Women Wanderers – Whitby Adventure Weekend 2027



The poster for the Women Wanderers 999 Whitby Adventure Weekend 2027 features a scenic background of a coastal town at sunset. At the top, a circular logo shows a hiker silhouette and the text 'WOMEN WANDERERS 999'. Below this, the event title 'Whitby 2027 ADVENTURE WEEKEND' is prominently displayed. The dates 'WEDNESDAY 28 APRIL - FRIDAY 30 APRIL 2027' and the location 'Whitby Youth Hostel' are listed. A central box titled 'INCLUDES' lists the following: 2 NIGHTS' ACCOMMODATION, DINNER ON BOTH EVENINGS, BREAKFAST EACH MORNING, and TWO PACKED LUNCHES. The price is set at £140 per person. A note states 'PLACES ARE LIMITED - BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!'. On the left, under 'Join us for...', are four bullet points: 'Scenic coastal & moorland walks', 'Stunning views & photo opportunities', 'Great company & lasting friendships', and 'Adventure, laughter & memories you'll never forget'. At the bottom left, there are three small photos of the Whitby coastline. The bottom right corner features the slogan 'Adventure is always better together.' and contact information for more information and booking via WhatsApp.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

- womenwanderers999@outlook.com
- Women Wanderers 999
- @womenwanderers999

BOOK NOW VIA WHATSAPP
07920 826 757
Message to secure your place!

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To have your news included in this section please email:

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