

STOP the REMOVAL of FORFAR'S FIRE ENGINE



Tayside Chief Officer intends to **REDUCE** Fire Cover in Forfar



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Tayside Fire & Rescue Service managers intend to push through proposals to **REDUCE FIRE COVER** during day-times at Forfar Fire Station.

The proposal is to use one of Forfar's two fire engines to provide fire safety information throughout the County of Angus.

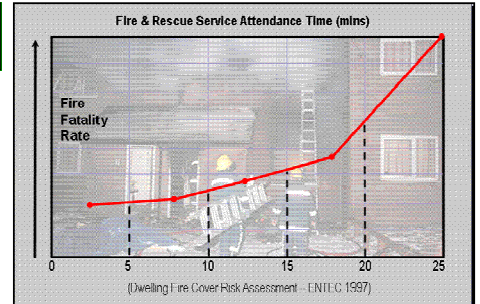
The consequence of this will be that there will be **LESS fire engines available in Forfar DURING THE DAY.**

The introduction of fulltime crews to the area is being sold as an improvement to fire cover in Forfar. It will however result in one fire engine being used out of town.

Removing the fire engine during the day will result in an actual REDUCTION in fire cover.

The motivation for these proposals is to SAVE MONEY.

WHAT COST A LIFE?



Statistics show the relationship between Response Times and Fatality Rates.

The LONGER it takes the Fire Service to attend an incident **the HIGHER** the **FATALITY RATE.**

These proposals are part of a program of CUTS that are being initiated by **Stephen Hunter, Tayside FRS Chief Officer.**

He says that their 'Computer Model' indicates need for these changes.

He is playing Computer Games with YOUR LIVES.

CUTS COSTS LIVES YOURS



You don't want to have to wait for fire engines!

How does reducing your Fire Cover 'Improve Your Safety'? Quite Simply - It Doesn't!

Recent Report Confirms Successful Number of Rescues in Scotland

A recent Report commissioned by the Fire Brigades Union, shows that on average, **at least 5 people a day** are being rescued from incidents in Scotland.



This Rescue Rate is down to **LOCAL FIRE FIGHTERS** attending incidents as **quickly as possible**, allowing the best chance for people to be rescued and surviving life threatening incidents.

Having enough firefighters and equipment on the scene quickly enough gives the best chance of saving life and property.

Downgrading Fire Cover by Increasing Incident Response Times or reducing Weight of Response WILL INCREASE INJURIES & DEATHS in YOUR AREA.

Scottish Government Guidance states that any new Fire Cover Arrangements **"must improve community safety"**.

The Fire Brigades Union is the Voice of Professional Firefighters & Emergency Fire Control Operators



CAMPAIGN TO SAVE YOUR LOCAL FIRE ENGINE



We All Must Look To Local Councillors and

Tayside Fire & Rescue Board

To Stop The DOWGRADING of Fire Cover at Forfar Fire Station

Contact YOUR Local Councillors who represent residents covered by Forfar Fire Station and Urge Them To Support the Campaign Against the Chief Officer's Proposed CUTS.

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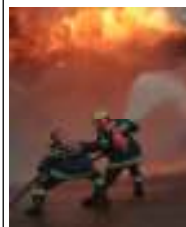
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Solutions From the Front Line

The Fire Brigades Union has for some time been calling for additional resources to be made available to Angus. However being aware of the tight fiscal settlement that the service has to work within a proposal was put forward that was both achievable and affordable. Essentially a fire engine from Dundee would be utilised to provide Community Fire Safety advice to local communities as well as supporting the local fire crews at incidents when required. This would allow the current provision at Forfar to be maintained. The crews at Forfar currently carry out a valuable role and their dedication should not be disregarded. The ability to move outwith the Forfar area is required in order to improve the service in Angus, but that must not be done to the detriment of Forfar or its residents.



"The FBU are supportive and in fact have campaigned over a number of years to increase the resources available to the people of Angus. We see the fire safety message as crucial and that message is best delivered by firefighters who can talk from first hand knowledge of the devastation fires and road traffic collisions cause. What we have to be cautious of however, are services robbing Peter to pay Paul and leaving one community worse off. Please help us fight this cut to the service provided in the Forfar area."



Roddy Robertson
FBU Executive
Council member for
Scotland

People who live and work in the area where the proposed CUTS are being planned can currently expect an Incident Response to fires and other emergency incidents of two fire engines. These will be crewed by at least 9 firefighters.

The proposed changes are being put over as an improvement because full-time firefighters are being used. They will **only crew one fire engine during the day however** and the work they are expected to do will mean them moving away from the Forfar area. **This will leave just one fire engine in Forfar for long periods of time.** The normal attendance at a house fire of two fire engines with a minimum of 9 firefighters will be reduced to one fire engine with a crew of just 5.

If the proposed CUTS go ahead, **the response to any incidents will, during day times be an attendance of only one fire engine.** This includes fires in all property types including homes, road traffic collisions and rescues. Any back-up will have to arrive from another town.

It is vital that the fire and rescue service can respond to an incident **with sufficient firefighters and sufficient equipment, quickly enough to deal with that incident safely.** The proposed cuts in provision during the day in Forfar compromises the safety of firefighters and **puts at risk those who would call on the service.**

2007/08 Tayside Fire & Rescue;

- There were 3119 fires, 253 Road Traffic Collisions and 514 other special service calls
- There were 6 fatalities, most being in the 17 to 40 age group, all in the home,.
- Across Scotland an average of over 800 people a year are rescued from dwelling fires
- And over 850 people a year are rescued from road traffic collisions.

Downgrading Forfar will not make the community safer!

NO₂ Fire Deaths

Demand That Proposals Are Scrapped

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