



Making Cheshire Safer

**Transition of Operational Training Group and
Command Training Group to alternative locations.**

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Introduction

An interdependent project of the new training centre programme is the relocation of the Operational Training Group (OTG) and Command Training Group (CTG) to alternative Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service venues and outreach locations.

Relocating OTG & CTG for the duration of the redevelopment maintains the delivery of training to operational crews, officers, and new trainee fire-fighter and apprentice fire-fighter courses.

The new training programme team has surveyed alternative venues to ensure that they can accommodate the various core skills delivered by OTG and CTG and attributed one of these locations to one or more of the training disciplines.

Breathing Apparatus (BA) is the only discipline where it has been necessary to outreach a skill due to the environmental implications of producing “hot” wear fire training. Alternative outreach BA venues have been sourced at Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service and North Wales Fire & Rescue Service / Airbus Broughton, for “hot” wear conditions and Compartment Fire Behaviour Training respectively.

Negotiations to secure these training aspects are ongoing to produce memorandums of understanding (MOU) and / or a service level agreement for the use of each venue and their facilities. This will see new risk assessments being carried out by OTG staff, procedures being adopted for working at host locations, new course content and exercises to suit the facilities.

This ensures that the statutory duty placed on the Fire & Rescue Service for the training of our staff is adhered to and delivered to the highest standard, maintaining a safe competent workforce fit for serving the communities of Cheshire.

The Command Training Group (CTG) will facilitate their incident command assessment schedule at Frodsham fire station ensuring delivery of the assessment strategy and ICTS policy.

The delivery of classroom based incident command training will be predominantly delivered at predominantly Northwich fire station with Winsford fire station identified as a fall back facility.

Both Winsford and Northwich community rooms have adequate IT provision for the delivery of the courses detailed in this transition plan, with Frodsham requiring the installation of several items of IT hardware to create an immersive environment for the candidates.

Relocation of courses.

The following skills and additional courses that are delivered by the OTG & CTG require relocation, this includes the course materials and resources to enable the successful delivery of the course.

Operational Training Group.

- Animal rescue.
- Assessments.
- Breathing Apparatus initial (Mod 2) and refresher courses.
- Compartment Fire Behaviour Training
- Driver Training LGV and EFAD.
- Hazmat initial and refresher courses.
- Height safety initial and refresher courses.
- Point of entry Selection Tests.
- Pumps and Ladder training (Mod 1).
- RTC Initial (Mod 3) and refresher courses.
- Swift Water training.
- Water Safety and wading courses.
- Trauma Initial (BTACC) and refresher courses.

Command Training Group.

- Incident Command Assurance assessments.
- Incident command training (ICA).
- WM7 Assessments.
- Watch Manager (WM7) training days.
- Station Manager managing incidents (SMMI) training days.
- GM/AM Training days.
- Station Manager, GM & AM command assessments (EFSM2).
- Promotion assessments. (WM7 & EFSM2)
- WM Step up programme.

Operational Training Group Courses

Course	Location	Resources & required space	Comments	Visits to venues by OTG staff	Risk assessments	Course design	Transition date
Animal Rescue	Reaseheath College	Horse box in storage & retained as a prop at Bollington	Course can be facilitated by Reaseheath college as we already conduct joint working with them.	Already completed	In Place already	Already completed	April 2018
Assessments	Warrington Fire Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A full set of LUKAS RTC equipment • 1 Height safety kit • 1 set of Hazmat equipment to meet the needs of the assessment. • BA equipment already located at this station for BA courses. 	Assessment equipment has been supplied by tech services, this will be stored in a caged off area within the large BA container.	January – February 2018	March 2018	March 2018	6 th – 10 th August 2018

<p>BA Initial (MOD2) Week 1 BA Refresher days</p>	<p>Warrington Fire Station</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x full sized container • 4 long benches and 12 chairs • Storage cupboards for BA ancillary equipment • (inventory supplied) • 2 x OTG Fire Appliances 	<p>Week 1 is BA search skills including cold smoke and darkness.</p> <p>Upgrade to existing facilities to ensure the content of the initial BA course is deliverable.</p>	<p>January – February 2018</p>	<p>March 2018</p>	<p>March 2018</p>	<p>6th – 10th August 2018</p>
<p>BA Initial Week 2</p>	<p>Greater Manchester FRS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x OTG Appliance • 12 student BA sets • 5 Instructor BA sets • 3 spare BA sets • BA cylinders • PPV fans • BA servicing equipment. • BA Boards 	<p>Week 2 is the “hot” wear fire training, the first two days will involve fire behaviour training followed by 3 days at GMF&RS.</p> <p>A further 5 days have been factored in for each of the Trainee & Apprentice courses to conduct the PPV course & consolidation exercises.</p>	<p>January – February 2018</p> <p>GMFRS have provided their Safe Systems of Work for each area, OTG will review and risk assess as per CFRS policy.</p>	<p>March 2018</p>	<p>March 2018</p>	<p>6th – 10th August 2018</p>

Compartment Fire Behaviour Training	Airbus Broughton / North Wales Fire & Rescue Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x OTG appliance • 12 Student BA sets • Instructor BA sets • Student Gloves • Student jumpers • Knee pads • BA servicing equipment 	<p>MOU developed and with each Legal team.</p> <p>Security protocol for Airbus Operations to be adhered to.</p> <p>Alternate the containers used.</p> <p>NB. Additional sets required from tech support.</p>	Early March 2018	March 2018	November 2017 WM Lloyd writing the course	1 st July 2018
Driver training school	Sadler Rd. Winsford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Equipment • Theory testing equipment • 1 x driver training fire appliance in workshops. • 1 x Car (Corsa) for vehicle pass out. 	<p>1 x driver training appliance to remain at HQ Workshops for security.</p> <p>Driver manoeuvring area to be marked out at Knutsford Fire Station</p>	Not Required	Already in place	Already in place	<p>Manoeuvring area can be last used in August 2018.</p> <p>New manoeuvring area to be marked out at Knutsford in Feb 2018.</p>
Hazmat initials Hazmat refreshers	Stockton Heath 03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road tanker • Midi sized Hazmat container 	<p>Site will be assessed with the WM at 03 for the location of all resources so that the station has the least impact possible.</p> <p>Completed in Jan 18</p>	January – February 2018	March 2018	March 2018	25 th July 2018

Height Safety Initial and Refreshers	Lymm Fire Station 28	Two height safety packs	OTG to confirm the storage location of these packs.	January – February 2018	March 2018	March 2018	6 th – 10 th August 2018
Point of entry selection tests	Powey lane Fire Station 07	Selection test equipment BA crawl gallery (for storage only) Fire-kit for selection tests. Recruitment POD (use the BA crawl in this)	The FLT Pallets also require permanently relocating to this station. Station yard requires marking out for selection tests. 25m separation of white lines and the words “RURAL” adding	January 2018	January 2018	Not Required	February 2018 ready for March intake.
Pump & Ladder training (MOD1)	Stockton Heath 03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x OTG appliance in bay 2. • 12 lockers • 12 desk spaces • Projector & screen 		January – February 2018	March 2018	March 2018	2 nd July 2018

RTC Initials RTC Refreshers	Stockton Heath 03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per MOD 1 resources. • One midi sized container • Moffett Mouny fork lift truck Bay 3 behind heritage appliance • 1 x Road tanker • 1 x Cessna aeroplane • 2 x Electric vehicles 	Phill Cooper will arrange for the tanker to be re-located to Stockton Heath Space for attending Appliances. 2 x additional containers for prop storage.	January – February 2018	March 2018	March 2018	30 th & 31 st July 2018
Swift Water Water Awareness training Water wading course	Sadler Rd. Main Carpark.	1 x Large Water Container	Outreach remaining at Wales for the swift water training. water awareness course location can be Winsford or Northwich	Not Required	Already in place	Already in place	Wk. commencing the 25 th June 2018 for relocation of the water container
Trauma Initials Trauma Refreshers	Northwich Fire station	Classroom Projector and screen Laptop or PC for course delivery	Midi container located to the station to house the trauma props.	January – February 2018	March 2018	March 2018	11 th – 18 th July 2018

Command Training Group Courses

Course	Location	Resources	Comments	Transition Date
Incident Command Assurance assessments.	06 Frodsham fire station Community Room	Laptop provision to run VR Software and a projector. Privacy screens required.	ICA assessments will be in the form of 1 person per day attending for training, summative and two formative assessments.	July 23 rd & 24 th 2018
Incident Command WM7 assessments.	06 Frodsham fire station Community Room	Laptop provision to run VR Software and a projector. Privacy screens required.	WM7 assessments will be in the form of 1 person per day attending for three formative assessments.	July 23 rd & 24 th 2018
Individual Incident command training.	06 Frodsham fire station Community Room	Laptop provision to run VR Software and a projector. Privacy screens required.	Bespoke 1-1 training sessions can be developed to accommodate aspiring fire fighters who are interested in becoming ICA.	July 23 rd & 24 th 2018
Watch Manager (WM7) training days.	Northwich Fire Station or Winsford Fire Station	Command training group, with Laptop, utilising fire station IT.	Watch based training to be delivered across the Service.	July 23 rd & 24 th 2018

Station Manager managing incidents (SMMI) training days.	06 Frodsham fire station Community Room	Laptop provision to run VR Software and a projector. Privacy screens required.	Currently this training is delivered in groups of 12. With the size of the facilities at 06 it is envisaged that this training will be done in groups of 4-6 throughout 2018/19.	July 23 rd & 24 th 2018
Station Manager command assessments (EFSM2).	06 Frodsham fire station Community Room	Laptop provision to run VR Software and a projector. Privacy screens required. Command Unit.	The command training group are identifying those EFSM 2 candidates who will require assessing in 2018 and scheduling them in to assessments prior to July 2018. If there is a business need outside of this preparation then the assessment will take place at Frodsham Fire station.	July 23 rd & 24 th 2018
Promotion assessments.	06 Frodsham fire station Community Room	Laptop provision to run VR Software and a projector. Privacy screens required.	Promotion assessments will be accommodated as per the WM7, EFSM2 and ICA assessment practice.	July 23 rd & 24 th 2018
WM7 Step up	Northwich fire station / fall back Winsford fire station.	Command training group, with Laptop, utilising fire station IT.	WM7 day 2 (2018) & Day 1 (2019) will be delivered at Northwich Fire station in conjunction with OTG	Cohort 5 16/03/18 02/07/18 Cohort 6 03/12/18 30/04/19

			requirements for TRAUMA training. Winsford if clash of dates.	Cohort 7 09/04/18 10/07/18 Cohort 8 11/12/18 08/05/19
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