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Notable Practice Guidance Case Studies (Batch 4)

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Summary

This circular accompanies a fourth batch of case studies containing examples of notable practice in community safety and partnership working. Earlier batches of case studies were published on 23 March, 7 June 2006 and 30 August (see www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1502365).

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 The first three batches of case studies were published respectively on 23 March 2006 (as the second annex to Fire and Rescue Service Circular 14/2006), 7 June 2006 (under cover of FRS Circular 31/2006) and 30 August 2006 (with FRS Circular 50/2006). The intention of the case studies is to provide Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) with examples of initiatives being pursued in other FRAs with a view to encouraging authorities to consider different approaches which might be applicable to their own situation. Links to all the batches of case studies can be found on the Department's website at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1502365>

2.0 Batch 4

- 2.1 This fourth batch of case studies includes examples identified by a range of FRAs. These demonstrate a variety of partnership arrangements and community safety initiatives aimed at delivering benefits for the whole community. As well as case studies from individual FRAs, a number of examples are included from Arson Task Forces, as well as an example of a region-wide initiative and a framework for evaluating partnership management arrangements.
- 2.2 As with earlier batches, a working group including DCLG, the Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA), the Local Government Association (LGA), the Fire Service College and the Audit Commission has considered the range of examples selected for publication. These case studies are jointly badged by DCLG, CFOA and the LGA
- 2.3 Some of the case studies we have included are of projects that are only starting to be implemented, so the full impact of outcomes are yet to be evaluated. Others represent opportunities only available in specific circumstances that may not be applicable to all FRAs, so cannot be described as universally transferable. They cannot therefore be described as "best" or "good" practice at this stage. As with earlier batches, the intended purpose of making these case studies widely available is to increase awareness of innovation across the fire and rescue service.

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