



**Service Policy: PREPOL05
Sharing of Resources**

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Fire & Rescue National Framework Document for England 2018
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PREPOL05 Sharing of Resources Policy

1. Policy Introduction and Background:

It is the policy of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (MFRA) to enter into arrangements with Fire and Rescue Services (FRS's) both nationally and within the North West Region to share material and human resources with a view to achieving efficiencies and to provide operational resilience.

2. Policy Explanation:

The Fire and Rescue National Framework 2018 places a requirement on FRS's to deliver improvement in the Fire and Rescue Service.

FRA's are expected to design their Integrated Risk Management Plans (IRMP) to ensure that, so far as reasonably practicable, there are efficient and effective uses of shared resources.

Fire and rescue authorities must make provision to respond to incidents such as fires, road traffic collisions and other emergencies within their area and in other areas in line with their mutual aid agreements.

Fire and rescue authorities must, so far as is practicable, enter into reinforcement schemes, or mutual aid agreements, with other fire and rescue authorities for securing mutual assistance.

Fire and rescue authorities must have effective business continuity arrangements in place in accordance with their duties under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004. Within these arrangements, fire and rescue authorities must make every endeavour to meet the full range of service delivery risks and national resilience duties and commitments that they face. Business continuity plans should not be developed on the basis of armed forces assistance being available.

3. Policy Implementation:

This Policy will be implemented by means of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) drawn up between MFRA and the participating FRS's.

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