



## Wildfire

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### Publicity Line

Wildfire is an incident type, which requires specific knowledge and understanding to address the difficulties and dangers inherent in its management.

Although sporadic, wildfire is a frequent incident type for many UK Fire and Rescue Services (FRSs), and when climatic conditions are supportive, FRSs across the UK are called upon to respond to large numbers of wildfire/rural fires.

In recognition of the specific challenges wildfire presents a national CFOA Wildfire Forum has been established.

England ✓

Wales ✓

Scotland ✓

Northern Ireland ✓

### NFCC will:

- Raise the awareness of risks and dangers of Wildfire incidents within the UK FRS community
- Seek to develop national standards for Wildfire training and techniques
- Seek to identify and establish accreditation for Wildfire training
- Identify and share best practice in relation to Wildfire Incidents
- Develop an effective marketing, lobbying and communications strategy to support the activities of the Forum
- Offer advice and support to Fire and Rescue Services regarding Wildfire pre-planning, prevention and response
- Ensure that there is effective liaison and exchange of information between the CFOA Wildfire Forum and the England and Wales Wildfire Forum (EWWF), Scottish Wildfire Forum (SWF) and other relevant fora, organisations and agencies
- Commission and co-ordinate work packages to develop policies and procedures. Where necessary proposals/documents will be submitted to the CFOA Operations Response Directorate on behalf of the forum