



## Community Risk Management Plan 2023-2027

Community risk planning is a requirement under the Fire and Rescue Service National Framework 2018, produced by the Home Office and supported by the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC). The framework requires every fire and rescue service to identify all foreseeable fire and rescue related risks and explain how the Service intends to use their resources to respond to, and reduce, the risk they have identified within their area. The plan is subject to Public Consultation, and we are asking for your views on our proposals for changes to emergency response in Suffolk.

### Our Resources



**584**  
Operational  
Staff



**77**  
Support  
Staff

**35**  
Fire  
Stations

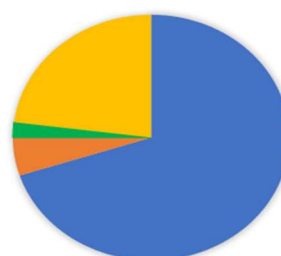


**43**  
Fire  
Engines



### Our Budget

SUFFOLK FIRE AND RESCUE BUDGET  
2022 - 2023



Employees 70%

Supplies & Services 23%

Premises 5%

Transport 2%

### Risk in Suffolk

Suffolk covers **1,466 sq miles**.  
The population is over **761,000**



**78%** of Suffolk Residents  
between **16-64** were in  
employment in 2021



There are **4 Piers** in Suffolk  
Felixstowe, Southwold  
And 2 in Lowestoft

**349,940** homes in Suffolk with  
many thatched properties  
in the county and  
**44,510** flats/maisonettes



24% of Suffolk's population are  
over 65 compared to 19%  
nationally with this number  
set to increase.

One third of the population live  
in the **three largest towns**,  
**Ipswich, Bury St. Edmunds and**  
**Lowestoft**

Suffolk road network totals  
**4,300 miles** with **55,000**  
**vehicles** travelling  
over the **Orwell bridge** daily.



A large scale flood risk exists  
from coastal inundation and  
rivers **Orwell, Gipping, Stour,**  
**Deben, Alde, Blyth and**  
**Waveney**

Suffolk residents live longer  
than the England average and  
females live longer than males.  
Life expectancy at birth in  
2018-20 was 84



**Over 50 miles of coastlines**  
and estuaries support  
recreational and  
commercial water use.



The **Port of Felixstowe** remains  
one of Great Britain's and  
Europe's **busiest container**  
**port**.



Heritage sites including  
**castles, stately homes**  
**and Martello towers**

There are a number of special  
risk sites, chemical, food and  
paint manufactures. Ports,  
prisons and military bases.



Sizewell hosts one live nuclear  
power station and the site of  
the future Sizewell C.

Climate changes leading to  
more extreme weather,  
storms and heatwaves,  
increasing risks of  
**wildfires**.



### Risk Management

#### Prevention

Our Prevention team ensure that our prevention activities are directed to those who are most at risk, aiming to stop fires and incidents from happening in the first place via safe and well visits, campaigns, community engagement, courses and youth activities.

#### Protection

Our Protection team help those responsible for buildings to meet legal safety standards and protect their businesses from fire. We monitor and support with our risk-based inspection programme and building planning consultation work.

#### Response

Our firefighters ensure that we can respond quickly, safely and effectively to every emergency. We plan, prepare and train for a variety of emergencies including fires, flooding, road traffic collisions, specialist rescues and incidents involving hazardous materials.

## Suffolk Incidents 2021 -22



### Emerging Risks

- On-call firefighter recruitment, retention continues to be a challenge.
- Recruitment and retention of specialist support staff.
- Extreme weather events and climate change with predicted increased flooding and wildfire risks.
- Our ageing population and increased vulnerability will need greater support.
- Growing population leading to increased housing projects and infrastructure changes.
- Sizewell C development, with plant and infrastructure requirements impacting our county.
- Alternative energy source production, off shore wind farms, solar farms and Battery Energy Storage sites.
- Increased electric vehicles on our roads.
- High Bay warehousing construction along the A14 corridor.

### CRMP Proposals

We would like to hear your views on our CRMP proposals and any other comments you have about the service we deliver to you.

Our Proposals are:

1. **Implement new Speed of Response Standards.**
2. **Review our Emergency Response Fleet.**
3. **Undertake an in-depth assessment of how we work with partner agencies.**
4. **Review our recruitment and retention of on-call firefighters and our specialist support staff.**
5. **Develop our prevention Safe and Well visits.**

The full CRMP Public Consultation can be found at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/crmp](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/crmp)

### The Consultation

The CRMP consultation runs for 8 weeks from the 24 October – 19 December 2022

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