

# The Salvation Army

## United Kingdom with Republic of Ireland

# Territorial Emergency Response

### January – June 2007



### 110 Emergency Responses in 6 months

Salvation Army Response Teams, across the Territory, on a regular basis, provide support to emergency services personnel at incident sites, however, recent trends reveal an increase in Local Authority Emergency Planning units requesting The Salvation Army (TSA) to provide support to those affected by an emergency; this is evidenced by the numerous requests for assistance which were received following the recent flooding incidents across the country.

The first half of 2007 has seen a significant increase in TSA responses to emergency situations. Teams have responded to 110 different incidents, including the response to the train derailment in the North West; Folkestone earthquake; supporting the Coastguard when undertaking a coastal search for missing persons; providing support to people evacuated from their homes following fires, terrorist incidents and the discovery of unexploded bombs; providing support where there has been localised flooding and a huge response to the serious flooding across Yorkshire and the East Midlands. These have been alongside the local agreements that exist with the Fire Service.

#### Emergency Responses by Division <sup>1</sup>

Anglia	12
Central North	36
Pan London	32
East Midlands	4
Ireland	2
Northern	1
North Western	6
North Scotland	1
London South East	2
London North East	2
South Western	2
West Scotland	2
Yorkshire	8

<sup>1</sup> The Fire Service threshold for calling upon SA support at major fires differs in each division. In London, the minimum number of pumps is 8, while in most other parts of the country it is 4

These responses have led to substantial interest in this aspect of Salvation Army ministry, resulting in invaluable opportunities for considerable media exposure. This has, in turn, enabled us, not only to promote our practical ministry, but also to highlight the underlying motivation for our work.

### Emergency Response Mobile Units

There are a total of 26 mobile units <sup>2</sup> available to respond to emergencies across the Territory. TSA operate 4 of these units but they are owned and maintained by the local Fire/Police Service.

Purpose built mobile units	16
Caravans/Trailers	6
Managed by TSA but owned and serviced by local Fire/Police Service	4

- 4 Divisions - South & Mid Wales, East Midlands, Ireland and North Scotland - currently have no mobile units within their divisional boundaries
- 50% of the purpose-built mobile units have been purchased within the last seven years
- 5 Divisions currently have memorandums of understanding with the Fire Service to provide on site support to their personnel
- North Scotland Division are negotiating with Tayside Fire Service to provide on site support to their staff at major incidents are offering to provide and maintain a unit for this purpose
- West Midlands Division are negotiating with North Staffordshire Fire Service to provide on site support to their staff at major incidents and are offering to provide and maintain a unit for this purpose

<sup>2</sup> This figure does not take into account any of the units based in Red Shield Clubs where the military have first call on their services during normal working hours