

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

21ST MARCH 2005

1. ROMANIA CHARITY TEAM

Report of the Chief Fire Officer.

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Romania Charity Team be awarded the West Midlands Fire and Civil Defence Humanitarian Award as per Brigade Standing Order 20/1 (see the relevant extract from the Standing Order appended to this report).

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is submitted to recommend that the Romania Charity Team are awarded the West Midlands Fire and Civil Defence Authority Humanitarian Award for their ongoing commitment to providing humanitarian aid to the people of Romania.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Romania Charity Team consists of 22 Brigade personnel, (uniformed and support staff) and nine other people from various external agencies. The team was formed in 1992, with the aim of providing humanitarian aid to underprivileged children in Romania.
- 3.2 The team have carried out many projects in Romania, refurbishing orphanages and providing much needed supplies to the orphans.
- 3.3 The team funds these projects by holding regular fund raising events to buy building supplies and provisions. Each member of the team is responsible for funding their own travel expenses for each project.
- 3.4 All team members have contributed freely of their own time and have dedicated many months and in some cases years of hard work to ensure that all the projects undertaken have been a success.

- 3.5 The dedication and commitment shown by this team have brought great credit to this Authority and, therefore, it is recommended that their actions be formally recognised.

4. **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

The work of this team is a further sign of the commitment of Brigade personnel to support people from all countries who may need practical and professional support.

5. **CORPORATE AIM SUPPORTED**

The principal corporate aim supported by the information in this report is as follows:-

4. To work in partnership with communities, other agencies and the Government.

6. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The course of action recommended in this report does not raise issues which should be drawn to the attention of the Authority's Monitoring Officer.

7. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of the awards and the ceremony would be met from the Brigade's Corporate Relations Budgets.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Brigade Standing Order 20/1

F. J. E. SHEEHAN
CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

3.3 Nominations for Bravery or Humanitarian Awards

Any member of the Brigade can nominate another person (Service personnel or member of the public) for an award. A report should be passed to the Station Commander/Department Head, outlining the incident, who should be nominated and why.

The Station Commander/Department Head will then investigate the background and, with relevant information, forward the nomination with his/her recommendation to the Corporate Relations Officer.

The Corporate Support Section will consider the evidence and decide which award is appropriate, and obtain approval from the Chief Fire Officer. The Station Commander/Department Head will then be informed of the decision and advised of the date of the Award Ceremony.

The Corporate Support Section is responsible for the presentation of all types of internal or external award to Brigade personnel and members of the public.

3.4 Internal Awards for Bravery and Humanitarian Actions

Acts of bravery or meritorious action by Brigade personnel or by members of the public may be recognised by the following awards at an Awards event organised on an ad hoc basis by the Corporate Support Section.

3.4.1 Brigade Personnel

Chief Fire Officer's Commendation

A certificate and lapel insignia presented by the Chief Fire Officer to operational or Fire Control personnel for significant contribution to the survival and/or rescue of people in extreme danger or at risk of loss of life.

Chief Fire Officer's Certificate of Congratulations

A certificate presented by the Chief Fire Officer to operational personnel or Fire Control personnel for dealing with arduous situations above and beyond their normal duties where life is at risk.

Station Commander's Certificate of Congratulations

A certificate will be presented by the Station Commander to his/her personnel for meritorious action at an operational incident, e.g. working in particularly arduous conditions.

West Midlands Fire and Civil Defence Authority Humanitarian Award

A certificate presented to Brigade personnel (uniformed and non-uniformed) for humanitarian, charitable or extra curricular service over a sustained period or of exceptional nature which exceeds work expectations. A monetary award of £50 will also be presented for charitable donation to the project. If the award is to more than one person for the same project, each person will receive an award but one cheque for £50 will be presented.