

**WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2007**

1. **ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK AWARD WINNER**

Report of the Chief Fire Officer.

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Authority note that Watch Commander Anthony Bucknall is an Individual Award winner in the Regional Adult Learners' Week Awards.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is submitted to inform the Authority that Watch Commander Anthony Bucknall is an Individual Award winner in the Regional Adult Learners' Week Awards following successful completion of a Certificate of Education qualification.

3. **BACKGROUND**

3.1 Watch Commander (WCdr) Tony Bucknall has recently completed a Certificate of Education qualification which was supported by the West Midlands Fire Service's Post Entry Training Scheme.

3.2 Due to the high standards achieved in his work WCdr Bucknall has been awarded an Individual Award at the regional level. The award is made by the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education to recognise learning projects that have demonstrated extra special creativity, imagination and/or energy in their learning experiences.

3.3 WCdr Bucknall has used the skills that have been developed through the study programme to deliver a range of youth inclusion activities such as the FIRE and Fire Quest programmes. His work in this area has been covered in a BBC television programme to promote National Adult Learners' Week.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report an initial Equality Impact Assessment is not required and has not been carried out as the matters contained in this report will not lead to and/or do not relate to a policy change.

5. **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.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Personnel Files

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