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Dear Jason,

Please find attached the official response from Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Service in relation to the application by Mr Melvin Benn for a premises licence for Glastonbury Festival 2010 – 2016.

I can confirm that, following your agreement, a signed hard copy of this response will be hand delivered to the offices of Mendip District Council by 1500hrs on Thursday 21st January 2010.

Please can acknowledge receipt of this attachment by return of email.

Kind regards

Duncan

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4. GFL has indicated that it considers that the provision of a silver command structure by DSFRS falls within DSFRS' statutory duties. DSFRS confirms it has a statutory duty to secure the provision of personnel, services and equipment to meet normal requirements. Due to the location and scale of the Glastonbury Festival, however, DSFRS feels it would be unable to respond appropriately and adequately to any incident without the onsite provision of an additional fire station and crews at Worthy Farm. The provision of additional resources for the duration of the Glastonbury Festival and cover for its day to day service delivery in DSFRS's area costs DSFRS approximately £112,000 per festival and therefore places an additional financial burden on it. It is the view of DSFRS that this exceeds its statutory duty.
5. In order to protect public safety, DSFRS has provided a silver command structure at its own cost in recent years. DSFRS receives no financial assistance from GFL for the provision of its services unlike the Avon and Somerset Constabulary, the Southwestern Ambulance Service NHS Trust and Mendip District Council. DSFRS is seeking parity with these other category one responders and is looking to recover its costs associated with ensuring public safety at the festival from GFL.
6. DSFRS seeks inclusion of the following as a condition of premise licence to be included within the Operating Schedule in order to ensure the protection of public safety at the Glastonbury Festival;

"To ensure public safety is maintained in the event of a major incident, on or off of the licensed site, the Premises Licence Holder is required to secure and maintain an on site multi agency silver command structure consisting of competent officers from the category one responders for the duration of the licence period and required to provide suitable accommodation and communication infrastructure to enable this structure to operate efficiently following consultation with multi agency commanders".

7. If this condition is not included, DSFRS considers that Fire Safety Management Strategy at Glastonbury Festival would be compromised and Mr Benn would not have put in place adequate measures for the protection of public safety.
8. The following matters were discussed in the pre-consultation phase but the outcome of those discussions are not adequately reflected in the section A12, Fire Safety Management Strategy of the Operating Schedule accompanying Mr Benn's application. DSFRS seeks the amendment of the following paragraphs or requests confirmation in writing from Mr Benn that such issues will be addressed;

Paragraph 3 of A12;

"The Premises Licence Holder shall produce the Fire Safety Management Strategy (FSMS) a copy of which shall be provided to Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Service (DSFRS) three months before the event period for consultation and subsequent agreement. Once agreed the FSMS will be provided within EMP (Chapter A. A12.). This strategy shall provide details of all fire safety procedures to ensure the Premises Licence Holder duties under the Fire Safety Order are effectively complied with. The overall aim of this strategy is the provision and maintenance of a 'fire safe' environment for all ticket holders, staff etc. throughout the event by reducing the risk to life, personal injury, damage to the premises and the wider environment".

Paragraph 4 of A12;

"The Premises Licence Holder will also ensure that Fire Risk Assessments (FRA) for all venues, tents permanent and temporary structures are produced and provided to

DSFRS for approval prior to members of the public being admitted. The approved FRA's, will become the working document for the venues, tents permanent and temporary structures and these will be reviewed and amended each year. A FRA, for all venues, tents permanent and temporary structures must be in place for all periods of the event – build, load in, performance, load out, breakdown”.

9. DSFRS is happy to discuss any of its representations with Mendip District Council, *
Mr Benn or other responsible authorities.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Robinson
Area Commander – Somerset Command