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Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association
(CAVRA)

CAVRA Flood Report

CAVRA Teams have been active throughout the recent flooding incidents.

On Sunday 16th February, we were asked to provide support to South Wales Fire & Rescue Service to a major flooding incident in Nantgarw.

CAVRA Flood Rescue 1, Land Rover, Stretchers, and communications assets were deployed and assisted in the evacuation of people from houses in the area to a place of safety, this included a 96-year-old male, who, was stretchered out, as well as several vulnerable people.

Other general assistance was also provided throughout the area.

On Friday 28th February, support was provided to the residents of the Sunnycroft estate in Dinas Powys, due to the high level of the nearby river, which was swollen and flowing at a very fast rate.

In conjunction with South Wales Fire & Rescue Service, a number of properties were visited and safety advice given. There was concern from local residents about the non-availability of sandbags, and the potential difficulties of obtaining them, if they were unable to collect from the local Council Facility.

Support was also provided at Ely Bridge, in Cardiff, where a “Critical Incident” was declared. Local knowledge and communications support being provided at this location.

Saturday 29th February brought significant flooding incidents around the Sully area, with Sully Moors Road and Hayes Road both being flooded by over 2 feet of water; a number of business properties were also affected.

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A request was also received to assist the RSPCA, who, were concerned for the safety and wellbeing of a number of horses in a field. However, we were stood down from this incident shortly after.

Sunday 1st March: Roads in the area remain flooded and we are closely monitoring the situation, and are ready to respond if required.

CAVRA is a Flood Rescue Team with members trained as Swift Water Rescue Technicians (SRT's), Swift & Flood Water Rescue Boat Operators (SFRBO's), and Rescue from Vehicle Operators (RfV). They also have three Rescue Boats of various sizes as well as Sonar and Underwater Camera's and a Communications and Support trailer.

Further information is available on the Website. (www.cavra.org.uk).

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