

## **Southern Wiltshire Area Board - Report, July 28<sup>th</sup> 2016**

The first Dorset and Wiltshire FRS Community Safety Plan is now available. The **4 key priorities** for the new service are;

<b>1</b>	<b>Protecting you and the environment from harm.</b> - This is our legal obligation to keep buildings and businesses safe for people to use.
<b>2</b>	<b>Making safer and healthier choices.</b> - This is about educating people to the dangers around them and preventing risk.
<b>3</b>	<b>Being there when you need us.</b> - Our emergency service responds quickly to people who are in danger or distress.
<b>4</b>	<b>Making every penny count.</b> - It's important that we spend our budget wisely, and maximise what we do with it.

Copies can be found on the DWFRS website; <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

### **Community Engagement**

The station and its' staff continue to attend events and schools to give input, advice and education.

Number of events	Audience numbers	No: events booked until end of July
10	361	10

The events above range from school fetes to Housing Association open days, Cubs, Scouts and School Holiday Clubs. These events are opportunities to meet and engage with the local community of all ages to spread our messages of safety and prevention.

Unfortunately, we cannot attend all events as resources are limited and not all would be appropriate for the service priorities. If you would like the Fire Service to attend your event, please contact me direct. My details are at the bottom of the report.

### **Social Care and Fire Service Joint Working**

On 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016 NHS England, Public Health England and Age Concern UK published the reviewed joint document titled; *Working Together - how health, social care and fire and rescue services can increase their reach, scale and impact through joint working.* (Originally published October 2015).

The headline consensus statement reads;



*We will work together to use our collective capabilities and resources more effectively to enhance the lives of the people we work with and we will support and encourage our local networks to do the same in their communities.*

Contained in the document The Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA), in conjunction with health and social care partners, have produced four recommendations to support the use of fire services as a health asset, they are;

- Adopt the Safe and Well visit as part of the local risk assessment of health and social care needs
- Use fire stations as community assets to support healthy lifestyles in local communities
- Work with fire services to understand the links between mental health and fire risk and to strengthen the community response
- Consider the role of fire services in the use of assistive technology and Telecare

I attended the recent meetings of the Health & Wellbeing Board, and the Safer & Supportive Communities group. These groups represent the views of vulnerable people, and are integral to our key priority of helping people to make safer and healthier choices. Educating people to the dangers around them and preventing risk. There is some exciting work being done that DWFRS are keen to be involved in. I am working closely with these groups to ensure the service is put to the best use possible.

As you can see there are exciting and evolving times ahead and it is about our work Beyond Fighting Fires that is starting to develop further. DWFRS are committed to working with partners to achieve a safer community.

In order to help the valuable work towards becoming a Dementia Friendly City, staff at Salisbury Fire Station are now receiving Dementia Awareness training. All staff on the station will receive this training over the coming months.

### **Advice for Dementia Sufferers**

Over half of all fire deaths and injury in the home are amongst people aged 60 and over.

Recent research has shown that impairment, disability and dementia are a substantial factor in increasing someone's risk of injury or death from fire in the home.

We want people with dementia to live a safe and happy life by remaining in their own homes for as long as possible. As a Fire and Rescue Service, we work with our partners to target safety advice to those who are most at risk. We run workshops to educate our staff about dementia and answer any question they may have – see [www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk) for more.

### **Fire safety tips**

- Always fix guards to fires and heaters.
- Never dry clothes over a heater/fire or in front of the cooker.



- Never take a portable heater into a bathroom.
- Make sure all gas and electric appliances are regularly serviced.
- Consider having isolation valves fitted to any gas fires.
- Consider fitting a regulated time switch to central heating and electric fires.
- Replace furniture made before 1988, as furniture wasn't fire-resistant before this date.
- Take extra care in the kitchen (especially when cooking with hot oil) – keep your cooker clear of flammable objects, such as cloths, oven gloves and curtains.
- Make sure your toaster is cleaned regularly – crumbs caught inside can catch fire.
- Make sure candles are in secure holders and placed on surfaces that don't burn – never leave them lit in unoccupied rooms.
- Make sure cigarettes are stubbed out properly and thrown away carefully – never smoke in bed.

If you need a smoke alarm, some advice or are worried about what you would do in an emergency, contact us for a free Safe and Well visit; <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>

### Response

#### **Total Fire Calls for Salisbury Fire station; 01/04/16 – 30/06/16.**

Category	Callsign	Total Incidents	Category	Callsign	Total Incidents
False Alarm	31P1	65	False Alarm	31P2	5
Fire	31P1	37	Fire	31P2	10
Other	31P1	12	Other	31P2	21
Special Service	31P1	19	Special Service	31P2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>31P1</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>31P2</b>	<b>37</b>

#### **Availability of Wholetime (1<sup>st</sup>) appliance;**

100%

#### **Availability of On-Call (2<sup>nd</sup>) appliance (April - May 2016);**

Appliance	Day (06:00 - 18:00)	Night (18:00 - 06:00)	Total
On –Call (2 <sup>nd</sup> appliance)	72.05%	91.12%	81.58%

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