

Southern Wiltshire Area Board - Report, 1st December 2016

Community Engagement

Staff at Salisbury have now started collecting and carrying out Safe & Well visits in Salisbury and the surrounding areas.

The station and its' staff are supporting several educational events at local primary schools, run by DWFRS Education Advisors.

The importance of fire safety is a message that can't be delivered too soon, which is why we have a team of education advisors who work with young people across Wiltshire, Bournemouth, Dorset, Poole, Swindon.

At primary school level, education advisors visit classes with structured lesson plans that focus on issues such as the work of the Fire & Rescue Service, the dangers of playing with matches, the importance of smoke alarms, having a fire plan, and dialling 999 in an emergency. Older children are also taught why you should never make hoax calls.

We can also arrange visits to our fire stations or one of our safety centres. For more information or to make a booking for your school or pre-school, please visit our webpage; <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/school-visits/> or email enquiries@dwfire.org.uk

We have also attended recent flu clinics at Salisbury Medical Practice to give out home safety advice and collect referrals for Safe & Well visits.

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 – 31/10/16.

Category	Callsign	Total Incidents	Category	Callsign	Total Incidents
False Alarm	31P1	182	False Alarm	31P2	26
Fire	31P1	92	Fire	31P2	22
Other	31P1	14	Other	31P2	88
Special Service	31P1	63	Special Service	31P2	12
Total	31P1	351	Total	31P2	148

Availability of Wholetime (1st) appliance;

100%

Availability of On-Call (2nd) appliance (October 2016);

Appliance	Day (06:00 - 18:00)	Night (18:00 - 06:00)	Total
On –Call (2nd appliance) Sept '16	88.04%	97.45%	92.74%

On-Call Recruitment

A successful recruitment evening was held at Salisbury fire station on the evening of Monday 26th September. A number of interested potential recruits attended and are currently going through the process.

If anyone is interested in becoming an On Call Firefighter, visit the webpage; <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/> or pop in the station for a chat on Monday evenings between 7pm and 9pm.

Recent Notable Incidents

Large barn fire in Cranborne involving hay, farm machinery and fertiliser. 10+ fire appliances plus several special appliances.

Fatal road traffic collision, A36, Steeple Langford West. 2 fire appliances from Salisbury and Wilton.

Community Safety Plan

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

Calls to Fire Alarms

Responding to automatic fire alarm (AFA) activations that subsequently turn out to be unwanted fire signals has been identified as a major draw on our resources, resulting in an inappropriate use of emergency crews and equipment.

So far this year the service has received **5,775** alarm calls, however we did not necessarily attend all of these.

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