Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

Report for Malmesbury Area Board

Fires

We experienced a slight increase in the number of accidental fires in the Boards area during the months of January and February 2010, attending 13 fires in total. These incidents have included some insulation behind a gas fire, a domestic fuse box, a domestic garage, food in an oven, cars and a dismantled aircraft. The remaining incidents have involved chimney fires.

It is very pleasing to be able to report that we have not been called to attend any deliberate fires over the same period, a trend which has carried on for the past few months.

Injuries

No individuals have been injured through any fire related incident that we have attended during January and February 2010.

RTC'S

We have attended 3 Road Traffic Collisions within the Boards area, which have all occurred on different stretches of the A429.

Co-Responder Calls

WFRS attended 16 co-responder calls within the Boards area during January and February.

Community Safety

Community Fire Safety Activities continue to focus on Chimney Fire Safety. We have seen an increase in these types of incidents in recent weeks. As it has been a long, cold winter we would advise occupiers to have their chimneys swept regularly, as they may have been used on a more frequent basis than in previous years.

With reference to an incident that we have recently attended it would seem opportune to remind individuals to consider kitchen safety, in particular to not leave their cooking unattended, and to keep all cooking appliances and utensils clean and free from a build up of grease.

For further information please visit <u>www.direct.gov.uk/firekills</u>