Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

Report for Malmesbury Area Board

Fires

WFRS attended 10 accidental fires in the Boards area during the months of March and April 2010. These incidents have included an industrial paper shredding machine, a railway embankment, a kitchen and a tree which had been struck by lightning. 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 March and April 2010.

RTC'S

We have attended 1 road traffic collision within the Boards area, which occurred on the A429.

Co-Responder Calls

WFRS attended 12 co-responder calls within the Boards area during March and April 2010.

Community Safety

With warmer and sunnier weather on the horizon we would like to remind people that carelessness outdoors while barbecuing or camping can have fatal results or cause serious injury. Fires can destroy large areas of countryside, people's property and delicate eco-systems.

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

For further information on how to prevent these types of incidents occurring please visit <u>www.direct.gov.uk/firekills</u>.