



Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

Report for Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Fires

We have attended 9 accidental fires in the Boards area during the months of May and June 2010. These incidents have included a barn, roof fire, wood, mobile home, workshop, shed, bonfire, car and refuse.

We have also been called to 4 deliberate fires during the same period. These involved a van, coach house, and 2 unattended fires on open ground. Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service continue to liaise with the Police and other partners to help prevent and reduce deliberate fires.

Injuries

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

RTCs

We have attended 6 road traffic collisions within the Boards area during May and June 2010. These incidents have occurred in a variety of locations.

Co-Responder Calls

WFRS attended 30 co-responder calls during May and June 2010.

Community Safety

As the warm weather continues, more people will be having bonfires to clear debris from their gardens. Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service has the following advice to anyone building a bonfire for this purpose, as fire can spread easily and property can be at risk:

- Build the bonfire away from sheds, fences and trees.
- Check there are no cables, like telephone wires, above the bonfire.
- Don't build the bonfire too big and make sure the stack is stable and won't collapse outwards or to one side.
- Use only dry material – damp material will cause more smoke, which could annoy your neighbours or be harmful to people with breathing difficulties.
- Don't burn aerosols, tyres, canisters or anything containing foam or paint – many produce toxic fumes and some containers may explode, causing injury.
- Remove any rubbish from the surrounding area so no-one is tempted to throw something on to the fire.

- Don't use petrol or paraffin to get the fire going – it may get out of control quickly.

Once the bonfire is lit, make sure you keep a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby, in case of emergencies, and don't leave the fire unattended. You should also make sure that children and pets are kept at a safe distance. After the fire has died down, spraying the embers with water will stop it reigniting.

For more home fire safety advice, visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk.