

# DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD REPORT

## **Community Safety Plan**

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

## **Prevention**

We are committed to making a real difference to the lives of people in Dorset and Wiltshire. Our aim is to reduce the level of risk and harm to our communities from fire, targeting those most at risk. We do this primarily through our Safe and Well visits.

A Safe and Well visit is **FREE** and normally lasts about one hour covering topics such as:

- Using electricity safely
- Cooking safely
- Making an escape plan
- What to do if there is a fire
- Keeping children safe
- Good practice night time routine and other points relevant to you
- Identifying and discussing any further support the occupier may need

Are you or anyone you know:-

- Over the age of 65?
- Need a smoke detector?
- Have a long-term health condition?
- Suffer from poor hearing or sight loss?
- Would you struggle to escape in the event of a fire?

If you can answer yes to more than one of these questions, then please call us on 0800 038 2323 or visit <a href="https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/">https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/</a>





## **Protection**

On-going interaction by Protection Team members with Local Authorities, Private landlords and tenants regarding fire safety-related matters: external cladding systems; fire detection and warning systems; fire resisting doors (& self-closers); combustibility/fire resistance of construction materials; commercial and residential sprinklers systems and water-mist suppression systems

### **General Enquiries**

If you have a general fire safety enquiry regarding commercial property, please email <a href="mailto:fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk">fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk</a> and the Fire Safety Team will respond in office hours.

## Fire Safety Complaint

If you wish to tell us about fire safety risks in commercial premises, such as locked or blocked fire exits, you have three options:

- You can email the fire safety department at enforcement@dwfire.org.uk
- Call 01722 69 1717 during office hours (9am-5pm).
- Call our Service Control Centre on 0306 799 0019 out of office hours (5pm-9am)

## On Call Recruitment

Have you always wondered if you could join the fire service, but haven't had the opportunity to find out more? Have you found yourself seeking your next challenge, keen to give back to the local community or wanting to learn new skills including leadership and teamwork? Then becoming an on-call firefighter is for you.

As a paid position, on-call firefighters commit anywhere between 40 to 120 hours per week, during which time they must be able to respond to the station immediately.

Many have 'normal' jobs during the day, then upon their return home make themselves available overnight or during the weekends. Some of our crew respond from their workplaces during the day, and we are very grateful to their employers for releasing them to perform their vital duties.

Anyone over 18 years old can apply (although you can also apply once you are 17½) you must be able to respond and attend the fire station within 5-8 minutes, you have a good standard of physical fitness (i.e. you are generally active), and you must have the right to work in the UK.

Further information on becoming an On Call Firefighter can be found at <a href="https://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/">www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/</a> or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.





#### **Recent News & Events**

How many smoke alarms do you have?



Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service as part of the Fire Kills campaign is asking people to make sure they fit smoke alarms on every level of their home and to test them regularly.

For further information please visit the websites below:-

https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-at-home/smoke-alarms/

https://firekills.campaign.gov.uk/

## Response

Total Incidents attended by DWFRS for Chippenham, Corsham, Calne & Malmesbury: DWFRS have responded to a number of incidents in since the last report and the tables below provide a breakdown of these, by station, for the period 1st January 2020 until 29th February 2020.

#### Incidents of note

At 19:22hrs on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Control mobilised fire crews from Chippenham Fire Station to reports of a property fire in Eastern Avenue, Chippenham. Whilst still on route, Fire Control took multiple calls to the property stating that the property was involved in fire and therefore the decision was made to add an additional fire engine from Corsham Fire Station. Once the first crews from Chippenham were in attendance, they requested for further resources to deal with the fire, with the total number of pumps reaching 9, as well as special support resources including a command support unit, water carrier, British Red Cross vehicle and operational support unit. The crews used 2 breathing apparatus sets, 4 main jets, 2 high-pressure hose reel jets and other equipment to extinguish the fire.

#### **Demand**

#### Chippenham Fire Station P1 & P2 Appliance

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	31
No. of Fires	13
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	23





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## Corsham Fire Station P1 & P2 Appliance

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	9
No. of Fires	6
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	3
Total	18

# Calne Fire Station P1 Appliance

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	12
No. of Fires	5
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	12
Total	29

# **Malmesbury Fire Station P1 Appliance**

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	7
No. of Fires	6
No. of Road Traffic Collisions, other Emergencies and Stand by's	15
Total	28

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