

## TIDWORTH AREA BOARD REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2018

### Community Engagement

The Fire Service continue to offer Safe & Well visits to residents and if you or someone you know is in need of a working smoke alarm to be fitted or needs some fire safety advice in the home or are just worried about what to do in an emergency then you can contact us at; <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>

We will arrange for one of our trained advisors or fire crews to pop round and discuss your requirements and needs, give you some top tips for fire safety within the home and if you meet our criteria for free smoke alarm installation we will also do that during the visit.



***Ludgershall Fire Station has a proactive Facebook account and I would encourage everyone to follow the station. The page is updated to show incidents the station have attended, training sessions and community events where crews will be attending.***

At the start of November, Ludgershall Fire Station held an open day. With displays including road traffic collisions and meeting the crew a fantastic day was had by all who attended.

### Reducing your risk of fire

At this time of year we see an increase in fires involving chimneys. Chimney fires can develop into roof fires in the right conditions with devastating effects. This is especially true with thatched roof properties.



To reduce your risk of a chimney fire we recommend:

- Ensuring any works carried out are by a registered professional
- Sweep your chimney at least twice a year – in autumn and early spring
- Keep your chimney in good working order, for example by fitting a bird guard to prevent birds nesting in the flue.

Chimneys should be swept :

- At least once a year when using smokeless fuels or bituminous coal
- Every three months when burning wood
- Once a year when using oil or gas.

When your fire is alight, check the loft space occasionally to make sure no smoke is leaking into the roof space from cracked joints or defective brickwork.

For more chimney fire safety visit:

<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-at-home/chimney-safety>

For more information on Thatch fire safety visit:

<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/DWFire-Thatched-Living.pdf>

***Test your smoke alarm – we are running a #Testit Tuesday campaign to remind people to check their smoke alarms every Tuesday. It takes seconds to push the button and make sure this vital piece of kit is working.***

With the cold nights drawing in, if you are using portable or electric heaters, never place them close to any combustible materials including paper, clothing or bedding.

Carbon monoxide can build up if your fuel burning apparatus isn't working correctly. Always have your fuel burning apparatus regularly serviced by a registered professional and install carbon monoxide alarms near the equipment.

### Response

#### **Total Emergency Calls for Ludgershall Fire station; 18/9/2018 – 16/11/2018**

Category	Callsign	Total Incidents
False Alarm	36P1	8
Fire	36P1	6
Other	36P1	0
Special Service	36P1	3
4 x 4	36M2	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>19</b>



**Other** – This can be a movement to another fire station to provide fire cover during an ongoing incident.

**Availability of On-Call appliance 36P1:**

Appliance	Day (06:00 - 18:00)	Night (18:00 - 06:00)	Total
36P1	55.06%	90.81%	72.94%

The reduced figures during the day are attributed to possible course attendance as part of a Firefighters requirement to maintain competence, personnel taking annual leave or due to fulltime work commitments where individuals work outside of the town and cannot supply us cover.

**On-Call Recruitment**

As the Availability table shows, crewing of your appliances falls below our ideal expectations of 100%. We continue to strive and improve on the number of personnel at each station through our recruitment process so we can increase the amount of hours our appliances are available for call outs.

The local appliances are only available to attend calls due to the commitment given by those who live and work within your community.

If you are able to give some of your time or know someone who may be interested in joining our 'On-call' teams then why not pop into the station on a Wednesday evening between 7pm and 9pm. Crews are not volunteers but are paid a salary to train and respond to emergency calls. Check out our website : [www.dwfire.org.uk](http://www.dwfire.org.uk) for more information or contact us on our recruitment hotline : 01722 691444

# RECRUITING NOW!

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📍 Or pop in on our training evening

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### **Recent Notable Incidents**

No incidents of note within reporting period.

### **Community Safety Plan**

Our Community Safety Plan is our vision until 2022 and can be found on the DWFRS website; <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

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