



## 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 <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>



## 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 [fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk) 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](mailto: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 60 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 [www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/) or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.



## **Recent News & Events**

### **Successful open day at Salisbury fire station**

Around 2,000 people descended on Salisbury fire station last month for the first open day there for nearly 15 years.



Amongst the attractions from within the Service were Wilton's water carrier, Cranborne's small 4x4 appliance, Wareham's Unimog, a new 4x4 Scania brought by Workshops, and a fire engine from West Moors Training Centre.

There were also areas where people could get Safe & Well information and ask about on-call recruitment, and Rich Cowley ran a Fire Fighters Charity stall.

From outside of the Service, there was a specialist airport fire appliance, brought from nearby Boscombe Down, and stands from: • Wiltshire Police • the Bobby Van • Wiltshire Search and Rescue (WILSAR) • the British Red Cross • SERV Wessex Blood Bikes • Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Other activities included a CPR training area, run by casualty care trainer Ian Godwin, where people could learn vital lifesaving skills; a throwline target practice; and, for children, the opportunity to dress up as a firefighter and spray water at targets using a hose from a fire engine.

## **Reminder to take care with fireworks**

With Bonfire Night just around the corner, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging local people to attend organised displays rather than holding their own at home.

More advice can be found at [www.dwfire.org.uk/fireworks/](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/fireworks/)



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## **Old appliances back in use in Africa**

Three former DWFRS fire appliances have made their way to The Gambia, thanks to the Emergency Services Aid Charity (ESAC).



To find out more about ESAC, visit their website at

[www.emergencyservicesaidcharity.com](http://www.emergencyservicesaidcharity.com)

## **New campaigns focus on winter fire safety**

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging people to take simple steps to protect themselves from accidental fires and carbon monoxide poisoning as they look to keep warm and cut energy use this winter.

The National Fire Chiefs Council has launched 'Stay Fire Safe' in response to concerns that people will turn to alternative ways of heating and lighting their homes in a bid to save money.

For further information please visit [www.dwfire.org.uk/save-safely](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/save-safely)



## **Demand**

Total Fire Calls for Malmesbury Station for period August/October

| <b>Category</b>                                      | <b>Total Incidents</b> |
|--|------------------------|
| No. of False Alarms                                  | 9                      |
| No. of Fires   | 2                      |
| No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies | 0                      |
| <b>Total</b>   |                        |

### Local Incidents of Note

On Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November a man collapsed opposite Malmesbury Fire Station following a cardiac arrest. Fortunately, the crew were on station as a member public raised the alarm. Through the quick actions of the team, they were able to utilise their training with a defibrillator, resulting in saving the person's life. The crew have been nominated for a Chief Fire Officers Commendation for their actions. r

Malmesbury Fire Station is about to go live as a co responder station, this will further our support to the community.

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