



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 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 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/ or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.



Recent News & Event

Set up camp safely: The hazards of the great outdoors

As part of the Fire Kills campaign, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is asking the people of Dorset and Wiltshire to stay safe this summer as they make the most of the weather and enjoy the great outdoors, whether camping, cooking or exploring.

Group Manager Jim Weston said “A long hot summer is what we hope for. However, like many changes in activity, it can bring risks. If you’re intending to take out your tent, ready your rucksack or get your caravan back on the road, you should go armed with some safety advice before heading for the great outdoors.”

By following the Fire Kills campaign’s top tips, you can ensure that your great adventure is a safe and enjoyable one.

For more fire safety advice, visit our website

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-outdoors/>

Water safety



Being outside and enjoying the water is great for both physical and mental health and well-being; however, we need to respect the water and know what to do if things go wrong.

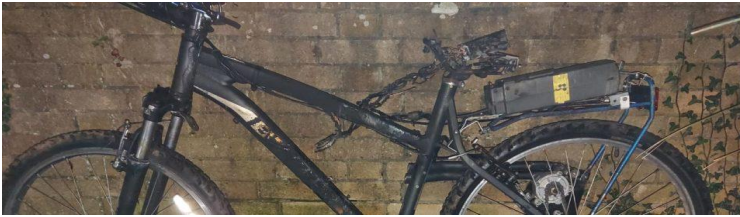
For more information about Water Safety, visit our website

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-outdoors/water-safety/>



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E-bikes and E-scooters



E-bikes and e-scooters are becoming increasingly popular, and with that, comes a corresponding fire safety concern due to the charging and storage of them.

Most are powered by lithium-ion batteries which can be charged in the home. On occasion, there is a risk that batteries can fail catastrophically, 'explode' and/or lead to a rapidly developing fire.

Please follow our safety advice to prevent this happening:

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-at-home/causes-of-fires/e-bikes-and-e-scooters/>

Fire Fighter Dean Hardy

Date: 19th August, 2023

From CFO Ben Ansell

It is with great sadness that I confirm, on behalf of his family, the sudden passing of one of our colleagues. Firefighter Dean Hardy from Amesbury fire station passed away on Friday 18 August at his home. I speak on behalf of the entire Service when I say that we are all shocked and saddened by this news, and our thoughts and deepest condolences go out to his family, friends, colleagues and loved ones.

Dean joined Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service in March 2023 and was a dedicated and highly valued member of our Service. He brought with him significant experience from his primary employment as an MoD firefighter.





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	Deliberate Fires					
	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23
Amesbury	0	2	0	1	5	3
Salisbury	3	4	5	2	5	5
Wilton	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	15			21		

	Accidental Dwelling Fires					
	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23
Amesbury	1	0	1	2	0	1
Salisbury	4	4	0	2	1	4
Wilton	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	11			10		

	Automatic Fire Alarms Domestic					
	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23
Amesbury	1	0	2	1	1	1
Salisbury	8	12	11	6	3	9
Wilton	2	2	1	0	2	1
Total	39			24		

	Automatic Fire Alarms Non Domestic					
	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23
Amesbury	3	2	7	2	1	1
Salisbury	12	5	10	11	14	9
Wilton	0	1	2	0	3	1
Total	42			42		

	Road Traffic Collisions					
	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23
Amesbury	2	1	0	2	1	3
Salisbury	0	4	4	1	2	6
Wilton	1	1	2	1	2	0
Total	15			18		



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Incidents of note

There have been a number of serious and distressing incidents in the last few months including:

Fire at Sandell Place, Amesbury on 9th June.



<https://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/23580691.devastating-fire-rips-block-flats-amesbury/>

Road traffic collision A303 near Amesbury, 8th July.

Crews attended a tragic incident on the A303 involving a collision between a car and a lorry. Sadly an 11-year boy lost his life.

The driver and other passenger were taken to Southampton General Hospital with potentially life changing injuries.

<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/news/wiltshire/news/2023/july-2023/11-year-old-boy-dies-following-serious-rtc-on-a303-near-amesbury/>



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Serious three car RTC on A338 Downton Road,
26th July.

A Vauxhall Astra was in collision with a Ford Transit and then a Toyota Corolla a bit further down the road. The driver of the Astra and Toyota suffered serious injuries. One passenger in the Astra suffered life threatening injuries and another minor injuries.

DWFRS sent 3 crews from Salisbury and Amesbury and were supported by colleagues from Fordingbridge in Hampshire.

<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/news/wiltshire/news/2023/july-2023/witness-appeal-following-serious-collision-on-a338/>

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