

Partner Update

Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

Update: 11 July 2016

Headlines/Key Issues

- 40 incidents recorded on our Management system for the period 1st May – 29th June 2016. These include fires, road traffic accidents, floodings, lock-outs, lift shut-ins, animal rescues, false alarms and other special service calls or emergencies.

- **Incidents of note include:**

- Two Fires involving domestic electrical installations
- Four small fires on agricultural land or in the open
- Two chimney fires - properties checked with thermal imaging camera and home safety advice given to owners
- Three car fires
- Three Road Traffic collisions
- One incident involving unattended cooking equipment

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- The board will be aware that crews from Devizes, Calne and Melksham supported **Dementia Awareness week** and have received Dementia awareness training. They are now 'Dementia Friends'
 - Following consultation with Sheila Ashley (who presented at Devizes Area Board meeting) and Caroline Wilson, the Area Commander for Wiltshire has agreed to roll the training out across all the other stations. This will result in all operational Fire Crews in Wiltshire Council area being 'Dementia Friendly'
 - Sessions are being arranged over the coming months with Sheila and Caroline

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- Firefighters and officers supported the Chairman's '**Row to Remember**' event at Devizes Leisure Centre on 20th May and covered around 18,000 metres during our slot.
 - I would like to thank the newly elected **Mayor of Devizes, Mrs Jane Burton**, for choosing the Firefighters Charity as one of her nominated charities for this year. Several local Firefighters have benefitted from the support offered by the charity, which looks after their health and wellbeing, as well as supporting them back to full fitness.

Kind Regards,
Jack Nicholson.

District Commander
Devizes, Melksham and Calne.