



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE**

Warminster Area Board Report, 5th November 2016

Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service has now been functioning for 6 months.

Work is still progressing in aligning IT systems, this will take a large period of time.

Cold weather is approaching and I would like to direct attention to information available on the website:

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

Chimneys should be swept:

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

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/road-safety/winter-driving-checklist/>

Make sure that you have an emergency kit in your car. This should include:

- Ice scraper and de-icer
- Warm clothes and blankets – for you and all passengers
- Torch and spare batteries – or a wind-up torch
- Food and a flask with a hot drink
- Any medication you need to take regularly
- Boots
- First aid kit
- Jump leads
- A shovel
- Road atlas
- Sunglasses (the glare from winter sun can be dazzling)
- Car charger for your mobile phone



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Fire Calls for Warminster Fire station;

July

Category	Warminster
False Alarm	9
Fire	7
Other	
Special Service	3
Total	19

August

Category	Warminster
False Alarm	24
Fire	6
Other	
Special Service	3
Total	33

Sept

Category	Warminster
False Alarm	21
Fire	1
Other	
Special Service	2
Total	24

Availability of RDS appliances;

July

	Appliance	
% Available	KT45P1	100%
% Available	KT45P2	66.48%
% Available	KT45N3	100%



Aug

	Appliance	
% Available	KT45P1	99.87%
% Available	KT45P2	51.44%
% Available	KT45N3	98%

Sept

	Appliance	
% Available	KT45P1	100%
% Available	KT45P2	67.33%
% Available	KT45N3	100%

The “Difficult Hours” for On-Call cover tends to be 0700 to 1800hrs weekdays, and weekends from 1800hrs Friday until 1800 hours Sunday.

Warminster Fire Station also have a number of personnel that assist the fire service through community work and assisting to put appliances on the run elsewhere in the service. This has an impact on the second appliance availability.

Working with the Station Commander I will be recruiting more staff. Currently there are two persons interested in joining. These people are working through the recruitment system. It will take a number of months for their presence to be seen on the appliance. Vacancies are currently advertised on the new service website at <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/>.

Community Contact Work

By the time of this Area Board the station will have had an open evening to help with carnival festivities. Many attractions and safety messages will have been promoted at this event including cooking safety, driver safety and the promotion of Safe and Well visits.

The personnel also play a key role in Salamander course and Safe drive Stay Alive initiatives.

<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/education/youth-engagement-programmes/salamander/>

A Safe and Well visit is available and is **FREE** and normally last 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 you may need if necessary

If you have thatch property, are living alone, have a young family, are over 65 or a smoker please get in contact with us. We want to help make you safer in your own home. If you or someone you know has mobility or sight and hearing impairments please suggest a Safe and Well visit.

Visit <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/news/new-name-new-contact-details-same-service/> to book one.

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