



Chippenham Area Board – DWFRS Report 26th June 2017

Dorset and Wiltshire Combination: One year on!!

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service celebrated its first anniversary on 1st April 2017.

A great deal of work was put into the combination prior to 1st April 2016 in order that the transition could occur with minimal disruption. On the whole this has been achieved, but of course work is ongoing in order align some of the management systems and methods of information recording.

Locally, the public should not have noticed any significant change. The local crews still respond to emergency calls, carry out visits and engage with the community in the same way they always did. If anything, in the future, it is this community work that will increase so the crews will become more visible to members of the public through new partner initiatives.

Community Engagement

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service provides a free service called a Safe and Well visit. We will visit a person's home by appointment and discuss any safety issues in the home. We will also have a conversation about improving an individual's health and well-being.

If you or someone you know need a smoke alarm, some advice or are worried about what to do in an emergency, contact us for a free Safe and Well visit;
<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>

Community Safety Plan

DWFRS Community Safety Plan 2016 – 2020 outlines our plans for the future. It explains the diverse services we provide and how we plan to improve and deliver them over the four-year period. The plan can be found on the DWFRS website <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>



Response

Total Incidents attended by DWFRS for Chippenham Area; 01/03/17 – 31/05/17.

DWFRS have responded to 87 incidents on Chippenham's station ground between the dates above categorised in the table below.

The number of fires includes 5 caused by electrical faults. There have been 3 accidental dwelling fires

The number of Special Services include assisting the Ambulance Service, rescuing/releasing people from various predicaments & Road Traffic Collisions.

Category	Total Incidents
False Alarm	43
Fire	23
Special Service	21
Total	87

Recent Notable Incidents

Crews from Chippenham were involved in dealing with a tanker lorry fire on the M4 on Good Friday which resulted in the motorway being closed for a period and caused significant traffic problems.

On-Call Recruitment

Chippenham Fire Station is supported by part time "On-Call" Fire fighters. To maintain the availability of both fire engines at the station we are recruiting for On-Call Fire fighters. We are particularly interested in people who could provide availability at weekends. If you are interested or know anyone who might be interested, please visit our website (check the link below) or contact our HR team on 01722 691444.

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/>

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