

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board – Report for 21st March 2018

Community Engagement

Our campaign to highlight the problem caused by the parking of vehicles that may impede or delay Emergency Services from getting to their destination and allows us to educate the drivers / owners is still on going. We continue to have some issues when the school runs occur and we would ask those collecting children to take a couple more seconds before getting out of the car and to think ‘where I am parked can an emergency vehicle get through?’ If not then please move the car to a different location.

Where possible we are working with our Partners to reduce the amount of parking issues and are using leaflets and the appliances as an educational tool so don't be alarmed if you see an appliance driving about the local roads and estates.

At RWB the ‘Men’s Shed’ are still meeting on a weekly basis and have they been doing some great work in keeping their small team very active. They have had a number of guest visitors who have given them some insight into the work that they do and what they can offer the team. Men’s Shed is something that the Fire Service fully support and currently we are in the early discussion phase of seeing if we can expand something similar to this in Cricklade.

We continue to offer our Safe & Well visits and if you (or someone you know) needs a smoke alarm, some advice or are worried about what you would do in an emergency, contact us at; <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>

Response

Total Fire Calls for Cricklade Fire station; 25/01/2018 – 05/03/2018

Category	Callsign	Total Incidents
False Alarm	52P1	0
Fire	52P1	0
Other	52P1	13
Special Service	52P1	6
Total	52P1	19

Other – This can be a movement to another fire station to provide fire cover during an ongoing incident or as an appliance that is part of an incident on another fire stations area.

Availability of On-Call appliance 52P1 Cricklade;

Appliance	Day (06:00 - 18:00)	Night (18:00 - 06:00)	Total
52P1	54.96%	91.52%	73.24%

The reduced figures during the day are attributed to course attendance as part of a Firefighters requirement to maintain competence.

Total Fire Calls for RWB Fire station; 25/01/2018 – 05/03/2018

Category	Callsign	Total Incidents
False Alarm	56P1	5
Fire	56P1	3
Other	56P1	3
Special Service	56P1	9
Total	56P1	20

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The Water carrier also attended 2 incidents during this period

Availability of On-Call appliance 56P1 RWB;

Appliance	Day (06:00 - 18:00)	Night (18:00 - 06:00)	Total
56P1	67.06%	94.94%	81%

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On-Call Recruitment

As the Availability tables show, crewing of appliances during the day falls below our ideal expectations of 100%. We continue to strive and improve on the number of personnel at each station through our recruitment process so as we can increase the amount of hours our appliances are available for call outs. Details of how to join our team are available on our website www.dwfire.org.uk or you can contact us on our hotline 07122 691444

Recent Notable Incidents

There been no incidents of a notable nature for either station in their own areas but they have supported stations around the county for any incidents that attract a large attendance or are part of an increase in resources. However, we have seen an increase in the number



of chimney fires attended by the fire Service and we recommend on cleaning a chimney at least twice a year. At a minimum it is recommended before it is used and again after it has been used. If you burn large quantities of wood we recommend that you also have a chimney swept at least once more during the winter period.

Community Safety Plan

Our Community Safety Plan is our vision until 2020 and can be found on the DWFRS website; <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

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