

Amesbury Area Board - May 2018

This has been a very busy period of time for the service with the severe weather and the chemical weapons attack in Salisbury. Even so, the crews and stations that serve the southern part of Wiltshire continue to contribute to their community. A few examples for you:

- Assist with accommodation for agency partners
- Run the 4x4 cell to get essential workers to their places of work during the snow
- Hosted Salisbury 10 mile road race – A significant event in the Southern Road Running diary involving 800 runners
- Organising and hosting the 'Bangers and Bikes Cycle Ride' on the 13th May
- Hosting NHS Blood Donation at the fire station in Salisbury on the 15th May
- A Salamander Course to be hosted at Amesbury in June

Community Engagement

The station are using Pinpoint to target specific properties for Safe and Well visits. This is a software package that receives information from partners such as the NHS and uses this to prioritise people who are most vulnerable to fire. Crews are then providing the people at these addresses with information and further support should they want it in the form of a Safe and Well visit.

Anyone can apply for a FREE Safe and Well visit. They are prioritised for those most at risk using some simple questions:

Does only one adult live at the property?

Would anyone living in the property have difficulty in escaping the property in the event of a fire?

Does anyone living within the property have any impairments (Physical or Mental)?

Does anyone within this property hoard?

Has the occupier been discharged from hospital in the last 4 weeks or use medical oxygen?

Does this property have no smoke detectors or old smoke detectors?

Is anyone living at the property a smoker?

Is anyone living at the property over 65 years old?

Is anyone living at the property over 85 years old?

Are portable/plug in heaters used in the property?

Do you consider yourself or anyone in the property as vulnerable?



We can also arrange visits to our fire stations or one of our safety centres. For more information or to make a booking for your school or pre-school, please visit our webpage; <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/school-visits/> or email enquiries@dwfire.org.uk

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

Response

Total Fire Calls for Amesbury Fire station; 01/03/18-30/04/18

March

Category	Incidents
False Alarm	7
Fire	4
Special Service	15
Total	26

April

Category	Incidents
False Alarm	2
Fire	3
Special Service	2
Total	7

Availability of Amesbury appliances;

March %

Appliance	Day	Night	Average
35P1	43.28	89.52	66.4
35P2	0	1.34	0.67



April %

Appliance	Day	Night	Average
35P1	48.4	79.65	64.03
35P2	0	2.78	1.39

On-Call Recruitment

Recruitment is an ongoing issue. Though there are 6 potential recruits working their way through the recruitment system and 3 trainees now on station we still need more personnel. I would like to aim for 100% cover for the people of Amesbury.

We need many more people and the service is investing in the on-call staff. The service will be moving to new method of payment for its on-call staff. This will be a salary based scheme rather than utilising a retaining fee. This means on call staff will be rewarded for the cover they give rather than the incidents they attend. It will cost the service more money, but it is believed that it will result in better appliance availability.

If anyone is interested in becoming an On Call Firefighter, visit the webpage; <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/> or pop in the station for a chat on Monday evenings between 7pm and 9pm (Salisbury) or Wednesday evenings 7pm – 9pm (Wilton and Amesbury).

Community Safety Plan

DWFRS Community Safety Plan can be found on the DWFRS website; <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

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