

## Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board – Report for 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### Community Engagement

Our fire stations at Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade now respond to medical calls within the Community as Co-Responders. This is a joint initiative between DWFRS & South West Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT) and is aimed at providing immediate medical assistance within a defined area where ambulance attendance may be delayed. Our staff have been issued red overalls by SWASFT and our vehicles are clearly marked and may be seen from time to time responding to incidents in the local area. This is part of a National pilot that could see Fire & Rescue Services assisting our Ambulance colleagues on a regular basis.

Cricklade Fire Station hosted their open day on the 17<sup>th</sup> June as part of the Cricklade Festival. This event was well attended by the local community and staff at the station are grateful for their support and are looking to make this an annual event in the stations calendar.

The Fire Service continue to offer Safe & Well visits to residents and if you or someone you know is in need a working smoke alarm to be fitted or needs some fire safety advice in the home or are just worried about what to do in an emergency then you can contact us at; <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>

We will arrange for one of our trained advisors or fire crews to pop round and discuss your requirements and needs, give you some top tips for safety within the home and if you meet our criteria for free smoke alarm installation we will also do that during the visit.

### Response

#### **Total Emergency Calls for Cricklade Fire station; 24/04/2018 – 14/06/2018**

Category	Callsign	Total Incidents
False Alarm	52P1	5
Fire	52P1	2
Other	52P1	6
Special Service	52P1	1
Medical Calls	52V1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>52P1</b>	<b>17</b>

**Other** – This can be a movement to another fire station to provide fire cover during an ongoing incident.



### Availability of On-Call appliance 52P1 Cricklade;

Appliance	Day (06:00 - 18:00)	Night (18:00 - 06:00)	Total
52P1	60.16%	88.91%	74.53%

The reduced figures during the day are attributed to possible course attendance as part of a Firefighters requirement to maintain competence, personnel taking annual leave or due to fulltime work commitments where individuals work outside of the town.

### Total Emergency Calls for RWB Fire station; 24/04/2018 – 14/06/2018

Category	Callsign	Total Incidents
False Alarm	56P1	4
Fire	56P1	2
Other	56P1	3
Special Service	56P1	8
Medical Calls	56V1	11
Water Carrier	56W1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>56P1</b>	<b>31</b>

**Other** – This can be a movement to another fire station to provide fire cover during an ongoing incident.

### Availability of On-Call appliance 56P1 RWB;

Appliance	Day (06:00 - 18:00)	Night (18:00 - 06:00)	Total
56P1	62.09%	93.68%	77.88%

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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. The local appliances are only available to attend calls due to the commitment given by those who live and work within your community. If you are able to give up some of your time or know someone who may be interested in joining our 'On-call teams then why not pop into one of the stations on a Monday evening between 7pm and 9pm and have a chat with the local crew members or, you can get details of how to join



our team on our website [www.dwfire.org.uk](http://www.dwfire.org.uk) or you can contact us on our hotline 07122 691444

### **Recent Notable Incidents**

Recently the area suffered some flash flooding to properties following a period of heavy rainfall. Both appliances from RWB and Cricklade assisted a number of residents to remove water from their properties.

As an Organisation we have attended a number of fires within landfill sites and this includes fires at Calne and Freckles Farm RWB. Both resulted in a number of appliances to extinguish the fires. This is also a National issue but locally we are working closely with our partner agencies in Wiltshire Council Environmental Health and the Environment Agency to reduce the impact on Communities of fires at such sites.

### **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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