



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE**

Southern Wiltshire Area Board Report July 2018

The long period of hot dry weather has raised a few risks for the service. There have been some fires on Salisbury Plain. Fortunately not the size of the issue Greater Manchester has on its moors, but we would like to keep them to a minimum so we are promoting these messages:

- With hot, dry weather being forecast, please take real care when enjoying the sunshine in our beautiful countryside. If you have a campfire or barbecue, please make sure that you're in a safe area and that ashes are fully extinguished before you leave #wildfire #reducetherisk
- We're trying to #reducetherisk of wildfires in this hot weather. Please avoid open fires in the countryside. If you must have a fire, make sure that you're in a designated safe area. #wildfires
- Discarded cigarettes can cause wildfires. Please help us #reducetherisk and put out cigarettes and other smoking materials properly before disposing of them. #wildfires
- Please don't throw cigarette ends out of your vehicle. They could start a fire and destroy surrounding countryside. #wildfires #reducetherisk
- If you see a fire in the countryside, report it immediately. Don't try to tackle a fire yourself; usually they can't be put out with a bucket of water. Please call the fire service and leave the area as soon as possible. #wildfires #reducetherisk
- This hot weather brings an increased risk of #wildfires Please don't leave bottles or glass in woodlands, as sunlight shining through the glass can cause a fire to start. Take the items home, or put them in a waste or recycling bin. #wildfires #reducetherisk

Nationally the focus is on cooking fires. These are the messages we are promoting to tie in with central government. They also link well with our own local issues.

- Keep the kids entertained this #SummerHoliday! Why not bake something together and share some cooking fire safety tips? #CookSafe #FireSafety.
- In hot weather light clothing can be such a relief! Just take care to keep loose clothes away from the cooker #CookSafe #FireSafety #BeFireSafe.
- With kids running around over the #SummerHolidays, keep your kitchen safe. Ensure cooking & matches are out of reach! #CookSafe #FireSafety.
- Did you know cooking causes over 50 per cent of all home fires? Take care in the kitchen and never leave cooking unattended. #CookSafe #FireSafety.
- Between the sun, fun and beers, remember how dangerous barbecues can be. #FireSafety #BBQSafety
- If you have a #BBQ and it starts to rain, don't take it inside or in a tent. BBQs in enclosed spaces can poison and kill #CarbonMonoxide #SilentKiller.
- Got a fave #BBQ dish? Burgers? Kebabs? Bananas?! If you're firing one up, keep it away from sheds, fences and trees! #BBQSafety #FireSafety.
- Enjoy yourself, but don't drink too much alcohol if you are in charge of the barbecue #FireSafety.
- Lighting up the #BBQ this weekend? Keep a bucket of water, sand or garden hose nearby for emergencies. #FireSafety #BBQSafety.
- Having a #BBQ? Don't leave it unattended - not only is it a fire risk, you also don't want to serve your guests burnt steak!
- If you're out in the #GreatOutdoors, only light open fires and BBQs in safe designated areas. #Thinkwildfire #FireSafety.



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 Salisbury Fire station;

April – Carried over as these figures were not available at the last area board

| Category | Incidents |
|-----------------|-----------|
| False Alarm | 27 |
| Fire | 20 |
| Special Service | 14 |
| Total | 61 |

May

| Category | Incidents |
|-----------------|-----------|
| False Alarm | 23 |
| Fire | 14 |
| Special Service | 12 |
| Total | 49 |

June

| Category | Incidents |
|-----------------|-----------|
| False Alarm | 42 |
| Fire | 18 |
| Special Service | 17 |
| Total | 77 |

Availability of Wholetime (1st) appliance;

100%

Availability of On-Call (2nd) appliance;

April %

| Appliance | Day | Night | Average |
|-----------|-------|-------|---------|
| 31P2 | 90.14 | 94.44 | 92.29 |



May %

| Appliance | Day | Night | Average |
|-----------|------|-------|---------|
| 31P2 | 79.7 | 93.68 | 86.69 |

June %

| Appliance | Day | Night | Average |
|-----------|------|-------|---------|
| 31P2 | 59.1 | 90.28 | 74.69 |

On-Call Recruitment

Recruitment is an ongoing issue. Despite this Salisbury RDS are still maintaining a very good availability of the appliance. They currently have 2 potential recruits working their way through the recruitment system and one trainee now on station. The station are working hard to maintain contact with them whilst they go through this process.

Recently a new recruit started at the station. He has completed his basic training successfully and will soon be undertaking his breathing apparatus training. From this point he will start to really have a good impact on the availability.

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.

Recruitment campaign

The recent campaign for recruitment across the southern half of Wiltshire has generated a lot of interest and it is expected that the follow up 'have-ago' session will continue the momentum. In my next report I will be able to say how many applications this generated.

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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