

MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2018

Community Engagement

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 fire safety within the home and if you meet our criteria for free smoke alarm installation we will also do that during the visit.

Marlborough and Ramsbury Fire Stations have proactive Twitter accounts and I would encourage everyone to follow the station by searching for Marlborough or Ramsbury fire station on Twitter. The page is updated to show incidents the station have attended, training sessions and community events where crews will be attending.

Reducing your risk of fire

At this time of year we see an increase in fires involving chimneys. Chimney fires can develop into roof fires in the right conditions with devastating effects. This is especially true with thatched roof properties.

To reduce your risk of a chimney fire we recommend:

- Ensuring any works carried out are by a registered professional
- Sweep your chimney at least twice a year – in autumn and early spring
- Keep your chimney in good working order, for example by fitting a bird guard to prevent birds nesting in the flue.

Chimneys should be swept :

- At least once a year when using smokeless fuels or bituminous coal
- Every three months when burning wood
- Once a year when using oil or gas.

When your fire is alight, check the loft space occasionally to make sure no smoke is leaking into the roof space from cracked joints or defective brickwork.

For more chimney fire safety visit:

<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-at-home/chimney-safety>

For more information on Thatch fire safety visit:

<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/DWFire-Thatched-Living.pdf>

Test your smoke alarm – we are running a #Testit Tuesday campaign to remind people to check their smoke alarms every Tuesday. It takes seconds to push the button and make sure this vital piece of kit is working.

Response

Total Emergency Calls for Marlborough Fire station; 1/09/2018 – 21/10/2018

Category	Callsign	Total Incidents
False Alarm	55P1	18
Fire	55P1	3
Other	55P1	0
Special Service	55P1	3
Second Appliance	55P2	0
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Total		24

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

Availability of On-Call appliance 55P1:

Appliance	Day (06:00 - 18:00)	Night (18:00 - 06:00)	Total
55P1	60.76%	71.34%	66.05%

Total Emergency Calls for Ramsbury Fire Station: 1/9/2018 – 20/10/2018

Category	Callsign	Total Incidents
False Alarm	53P1	0
Fire	53P1	4
Other	53P1	0
Special Service	53P1	0
Water carrier	53W1	3
Medical Response	53V1	0
Total		7

Availability of On-call appliance 53P1:

Appliance	Day (06:00 - 18:00)	Night (18:00 - 06:00)	Total
53P1	13.65%	88.73%	51.19%



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 and cannot supply us cover.

On-Call Recruitment

As the Availability table shows, crewing of your appliances 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 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 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. Crews are not volunteers but are paid a salary to train and respond to emergency calls. Check out our website : www.dwfire.org.uk for more information or contact us on our recruitment hotline : 01722 691444

Recruitment Drive

A red banner with white text and graphics. The main text reads 'RECRUITING NOW!' in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, there are three icons: a phone, a globe, and a person, followed by the text '01722 691444', 'dwfire.org.uk', and 'Or pop in on our training evening'. To the right of the text is the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue logo. Below the logo is the text 'DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE'. At the bottom left of the banner, there is a white box with the text 'PASSIONATE ABOUT CHANGING & SAVING LIVES' in red and black.

To capture a greater number of people who are eligible to respond to Ramsbury fire station, we have enlarged the responding area to include Aldbourne. This may mean a slight delay in the Ramsbury fire engine responding to an incident, but as a Service we feel it is better than having an appliance come from Swindon, Hungerford or beyond.

The On Call Support Officer for the area assisted by the Watch Manager of Ramsbury are carrying out a PR and recruitment campaign in Aldbourne and the surrounding area.

If you live in Aldbourne please spread the word and check out our Facebook and Twitter pages for further recruitment events.

Recent Notable Incidents

Multiple appliances from across the county supported our response to a thatch fire that occurred in Granham in late September. The thatch fire required close support from our Police and Ambulance colleagues.

It's not only fires and road traffic collisions we deal with, we also provide humanitarian services to help animals in distress. Marlborough recently carried out a rescue of a 6 month old kitten from an engine bay and provided the kitten with oxygen from our smoky paws kit before the kitten was taken to a vets for a check up.



Ramsbury crew dealing with a car fire on the M4.

Community Safety Plan

Our Community Safety Plan is our vision until 2022 and can be found on the DWFRS website; <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

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