

Fire Calls and Appliance availability

Fire calls:

Category	Callsign	Total Incidents
False Alarm	36P1	3
Fire	36P1	1
Other	36P1	
Special Service	36P1	3
4x4		
Total		7

Appliance availability:

Appliance	Day	Night	Total
36P1	57.14%	76.88%	67.01%

7 Incidents attended by Ludgershall crew between 1st December and 28th January 2019.

The above incidents included being the 4th pump in attendance at an explosion in Andover on December 26th in the early hours of the morning.



Projects

- We're supporting @regmyappliance Day. Visit registermyappliance.org.uk to register your old and new appliances. #registermyappliance #rmaday2019 #productsafety #Dorset #Wiltshire registermyappliance.org.uk
- 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.
- Ludgershall Fire Station have an active Facebook page, please like the page to receive updates - @DWFRSLudgershallFireStation

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.

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/>

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 number 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 can give some of your time or know someone who may be interested in joining our 'On-call' teams then why not pop into the station on a Wednesday 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.

Forthcoming events/Diary dates

- Watch Manager Conrad Jordan is attending an employer engagement day with FF Aishlen Taylor at the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry on March 19th.



- Future engagement planned with Scouts, Nursery Schools, Childminders and other local groups.
- Future social media campaigns – Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day Safety and Cooking fire safety.

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