



## DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

### WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD REPORT

#### JANUARY – MARCH 2019

### Community Safety Plan

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

### Prevention

We are committed to making a real difference to the lives of people in Dorset and Wiltshire. Our aim is to reduce the level of risk and harm to our communities from fire, targeting those most at risk. We do this primarily through our Safe and Well visits.

Total No of Safe & Well Visits in Wiltshire:	690
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A Safe and Well visit is **FREE** and normally lasts about one hour covering topics such as:

- Using electricity safely
- Cooking safely
- Making an escape plan
- What to do if there is a fire
- Keeping children safe
- Good practice – night time routine and other points relevant to you
- Identifying and discussing any further support the occupier may need

Are you or anyone you know: -

- Over the age of 65?
- Need a smoke detector?
- Have a long-term health condition?
- Suffer from poor hearing or sight loss?
- Would you struggle to escape in the event of a fire?

If you can answer yes to more than one of these questions, then please call us on 0800 038 2323 or visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>



## Education

Education Officers will be focusing their visits in schools to reception, year two and year five and six. They work on specific key fire safety messages that are age related and relevant. Each lesson is evaluated, and these are kept and reviewed via Community Fire Risk Management Information System (CFRMIS). The Fire Safety lessons are delivered on a rolling programme with each education officer booking the schools on their individual list for each school term.

### School Visits

Number of schools visited & Number of children receiving a fire safety hour long lesson:	63 Schools / 6202 Pupils
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### Salamander

Number of Salamander Courses	2
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Both Salamander courses were run at Trowbridge Fire Station. The first was an open access course for young people aged 13-18. Working in Partnership with local organisations we had referrals from Lavington School, Wiltshire Islamic Cultural Centre and the Youth Offending Team.

The second was delivered in partnership with the three secondary schools in Trowbridge for their students who are at risk of engaging in anti-social behaviour or exclusion.

Successful participants gained an AQA Award in Fire Services Training.

### Road Safety

No. of Survive the Drive Roadshows:	8 Events / 2850 Personnel
No. of Don't Drink & Drive Campaigns:	3 (Chippenham, Trowbridge, Salisbury)
No. of Safe Drive Stay Alive Roadshows:	31 Roadshows / 5248 Pupils (Chippenham, Melksham, Marlborough, Salisbury, Tidworth & Devizes)

During the last quarter, we supported the Police led Operation Close Pass at Trowbridge Fire Station. Police enforced the 1.5-metre clearance when overtaking a cyclist on Hilperton Road. Drivers were pulled into the fire station where fire, council staff and paramedics gave education on how to pass correctly using a practical display. 68 drivers were stopped and educated how to pass cyclists safely.



## Protection

On-going interaction by Protection Team members with Local Authorities, Private landlords and tenants regarding fire safety-related matters: external cladding systems; fire detection and warning systems; fire resisting doors (& self-closers); combustibility/fire resistance of construction materials; commercial and residential sprinklers systems and water-mist suppression systems

No. of Fires (non-domestic properties)	12
No. of Unwanted Fire Signals (non-domestic)	155

### ***General Enquiries***

If you have a general fire safety enquiry regarding commercial property, please email [fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk) and the Fire Safety Team will respond in office hours.

### ***Fire Safety Complaint***

If you wish to tell us about fire safety risks in commercial premises, such as locked or blocked fire exits, you have three options:

- You can email the fire safety department at [enforcement@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:enforcement@dwfire.org.uk)
- Call 01722 69 1717 during office hours (9am-5pm).
- Call our Service Control Centre on 0306 799 0019 out of office hours (5pm-9am)

## On Call Recruitment

Have you always wondered if you could join the fire service, but haven't had the opportunity to find out more? Have you found yourself seeking your next challenge, keen to give back to the local community or wanting to learn new skills including leadership and teamwork? Then becoming an on-call firefighter is for you.

As a paid position, on-call firefighters commit anywhere between 40 to 120 hours per week, during which time they must be able to respond to the station immediately.

Many have 'normal' jobs during the day, then upon their return home make themselves available overnight or during the weekends. Some of our crew respond from their workplaces during the day, and we are very grateful to their employers for releasing them to perform their vital duties.

Anyone over 18 years old can apply (although you can also apply once you are 17½) you must be able to respond and attend the fire station within 5-8 minutes, you have a good standard of physical fitness (i.e. you are generally active), and you must have the right to work in the UK.

Further information on becoming an On Call Firefighter can be found at [www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/) or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.



## Wiltshire Fire Stats

No. of Accidental Dwelling Fires:	51
No. Deliberate Fires:	61
No. Injuries	1

## Response

Total Fire Calls for Pewsey Fire Station: -

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	14
No. of Fires	11
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	7
No. of Standby's	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>

## Incidents of Note:

**6<sup>th</sup> January – Fatal RTC, Lockeridge.**

**6<sup>th</sup> February – Ocado Fire, Andover.**



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**26<sup>th</sup> February – Thatch Fire, Haxton.**





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## 30<sup>th</sup> March – Thatch Fire, Wroughton.



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