



# Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

## Report for Malmesbury Area Board – June 2011

### Fires

WFRS have attended 8 accidental fires during the months of April and May 2011. Some of the incidents we attended have involved an embankment and tree, an out of control bonfire, an empty timber building, a vehicle and a shed.

It is pleasing to report that we were not called to attend any deliberate fires during the same period. WFRS continue to work closely with the police and other partners to try and identify persons responsible for deliberate fire setting.

### Injuries

There have been no fire related injuries during this period.

### RTC'S

WFRS were called to attend 1 Road Traffic Collision within the Boards area during April and May 2011.

### Co-Responder Calls

WFRS have responded to 9 co-responder calls during the reporting period.

### Community Safety

We have attended several bonfire related incidents across the County. Fire can spread easily, so where and how you build your bonfire is important. If you have a bonfire, follow these simple guidelines:

- warn your neighbours beforehand - they are much less likely to complain
- light the bonfire at a time least likely to affect your neighbours - eg not on a warm day when people will be in their garden
- only burn dry material not damp, which causes more smoke
- build the bonfire away from sheds, fences and trees
- check there are no cables - like telephone wires - above the bonfire
- don't use petrol or paraffin to get the fire going – it may get out of control quickly

Once the bonfire is lit, make sure you:

- keep a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby - in case of emergencies
- don't leave the bonfire unattended
- keep children and pets away from the bonfire
- don't throw any fireworks into the fire
- don't burn aerosols, tyres, canisters or anything containing foam or paint - many produce toxic fumes and some containers may explode, causing injury

Once the bonfire has died down, spray the embers with water to stop it reigniting.

For a full range of home fire safety advice, visit [www.wiltsfire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltsfire.gov.uk)