



DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD REPORT

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.

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/>



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

General Enquiries

If you have a general fire safety enquiry regarding commercial property, please email 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
- 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 60 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/ or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.



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FIRE AND RESCUE**



**We Are Recruiting
On-Call Firefighters**

**PASSIONATE ABOUT
CHANGING & SAVING LIVES**



What is an on-call firefighter?

On-call firefighters go about their everyday life (for example, at work, at home, during the day or the middle of the night) until the alerter sounds and they respond to the fire station.

All firefighters are trained to the same level of competence, attending the same incidents, receiving the same hourly rate of pay and pension opportunities, and all working together with a #oneteam approach.

As an on-call firefighter, you will attend incidents such as fires, road accidents, floods, chemical spills and animal rescues. You will also support community events, school visits and prevention work.

How being on-call works

On-call firefighters need to live or work near to their local fire station and ideally provide a minimum of 40 hours each week when they are available to respond. When the alerter sounds, you need to respond promptly and safely to the station, usually on foot, bike or by car (obeying the Highway Code – we have no exemptions!).





Recent News & Events

Communities are well protected as Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is graded as one the highest performing fire and rescue services in England, inspection confirms

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) continues to serve its communities well whilst managing and monitoring its efficiency in a highly effective manner, His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary & Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) confirmed today (20 January).

To read the full article please visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/news/communities-are-well-protected/>

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Fire Calls for Melksham Fire Station (3-month comparison 2022/2023)

	Deliberate Fires					
	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23
BOA	0	1	0	0	1	0
Devizes	1	2	0	0	1	0
Melksham	0	2	0	1	1	0
Trowbridge	0	0	2	3	3	3
Total	8			13		



Accidental Dwelling Fires						
	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23
BOA	1	1	1	0	2	0
Devizes	1	2	3	0	2	0
Melksham	0	1	1	0	0	0
Trowbridge	0	1	2	1	0	2
Total	14			7		

Automatic Fire Alarms - Domestic						
	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23
BOA	0	3	1	4	3	3
Devizes	3	4	5	1	2	6
Melksham	5	5	7	4	8	3
Trowbridge	5	6	6	9	11	8
Total	50			62		

Automatic Fire Alarm - Non Domestic						
	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23
BOA	0	2	0	2	0	3
Devizes	0	3	1	1	3	5
Melksham	3	2	2	1	4	0



Trowbridge	2	3	4	6	3	5
Total	22			33		

Road Traffic Collision						
	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23
BOA	2	0	1	1	0	0
Devizes	2	0	1	1	2	1
Melksham	0	2	0	0	0	0
Trowbridge	2	0	0	2	1	1
Total	10			9		

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