



# Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

## Report to the Devizes Area Board

### Incidents attended for the period March & April 2010

Total number of calls for the Board's area	42
Total number of fires (including grass/bins)	15
House Fire (including equipment in homes)	2
Chimney Fires	4
Vehicle Fires	2
Fire Deaths	0

Total number of deliberate fires in the Boards area	3
Number of RTCs attended by WFRS	1
Total number of injuries in area (RTC)	2
Canal Boat fires	1
Number of False automatic Fire Alarms attended	15
Animal Rescue (cat)	1

Over recent months there have been a number of chimney fires in the area and people are advised to take steps to reduce the risk of house and chimney fires. Keep chimneys and flues clean and well maintained. Thatch properties are vulnerable to chimney fires and there have been two large thatch property fires in Wiltshire in recent months.

The Service's 'Rural Safety' team is engaging with farming communities regarding farm fire safety.

We are continuing our ongoing work with our 'Fire Stop' project working with statutory and voluntary organisations to identify the more vulnerable members of our community who may be at an increased risk of dwelling fires. We then offer home fire safety checks and fit smoke alarms where needed.

Boat Fire Safety advice is being given to canal boat users on the Kennet and Avon Canal within Wiltshire by dedicated officers liaising with other agencies on the waterway to try and reduce the amount of canal boat fires.