



Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

Report for Corsham Area Board

Fires

WFRS attended 14 accidental fires in the Boards area during May and June 2010. These incidents involved many different items including wooden sleepers, cars, a van, light fitting, grass stubble, an aircraft hangar, ride on mower and an electricity pole. The remainder of the incidents involved chimney fires.

We have also attended 9 deliberate fires within the same period. These have involved a range of items including a motorbike, grass, garden waste, bales of elephant grass, a car, an aerosol can and refuse. WFRS continues to work with other agencies to reduce deliberate fire setting.

Injuries

No individuals have been injured through any fire related incident that WFRS have attended during May and June 2010.

RTC'S

WFRS were called to attend 1 Road Traffic Collision within the Boards area. This occurred outside the Hare & Hounds Public House in Corsham.

Community Safety

WFRS have been called to several barbecue related fires across the County during the past few weeks. Barbecues are a great way to cater for a large group of people, but they can be a fire risk if not looked after properly - remember these simple tips:

- Keep young children well away from the barbecue.
- Keep a bucket of water, sand or a garden hose handy in case of emergency.
- Stand portable barbecues on an even surface and make sure they are away from the house, fences or shed.
- Don't place the barbecue on dry grass or vegetation.
- Use only approved lighter fuels - never petrol or paraffin.
- Lighter fuels must only be applied before lighting.
- Make sure matches are extinguished before disposing of them.
- Be careful with fatty foods and never pour oil onto meat when it is cooking.
- Never pour petrol on any barbecue to try and re-ignite it – start the process again.
- After you have finished cooking, extinguish the burning coals. Then leave one to three hours to check that the fire is completely out.
- Make sure the controls and cylinder valves of a gas barbecue are turned off before you store it away. Store your cylinder in a well ventilated area and check connections for leaks.

For further information on how to prevent these types of incidents occurring please visit www.direct.gov.uk/firekills