



# Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

## Report for Chippenham Area Board

### Fires

WFRS attended 13 accidental fires within the Board's area during May and June, a decrease from the 22 we attended during March and April. These incidents have involved a range of different items including a van, car, lorry, an agricultural vehicle, a bedroom, refuse, gas BBQs, waste bin, shed, grass, wooden sleepers, a wooden classroom and a kitchen fire which started in a deep fat fryer. Unfortunately we saw an increase in the number of deliberate fires that we attended during the same period, there being 9 incidents of this type. These involved hay bales, scarecrows, aerosol cans, paper cups, an external grate/drain, a derelict building and fires in a wooded area. WFRS continues to work with Wiltshire Police and other agencies to identify persons who are responsible for deliberate fire setting.

### Injuries

There were no fire related injuries reported during May and June 2010.

### RTCs

WFRS attended 5 Road Traffic Collisions within the Boards area during May and June 2010. These incidents have occurred in a variety of locations including the village of Kington Langley and the A420 and A350 in the Chippenham area.

### Community Safety

WFRS have been called to several barbecue and bonfire 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 fire safety please visit [www.direct.gov.uk/firekills](http://www.direct.gov.uk/firekills)