



# Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

## Report for Malmesbury Area Board

### Fires

WFRS attended 9 accidental fires in the Boards area during the months of May and June 2010. These incidents have included an oven, roof fire, bench, traffic bollard, electricity pole, an out of control bonfire, grass verge and a hedgerow.

We were also called to attend 3 deliberate fires over the same period. The incidents involved 2 bonfires and a shed. WFRS continues to liaise with other agencies to reduce deliberate fire setting.

### Injuries

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

### RTC'S

We have attended 2 road traffic collisions within the Boards area. One of these occurred on the A429.

### Co-Responder Calls

WFRS attended 20 co-responder calls within the Boards area during May and June 2010.

### 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.

With reference to an incident that we have recently attended WFRS would like to remind individuals to consider kitchen safety, in particular not to leave their cooking unattended, and to keep all cooking appliances and utensils clean and free from a build up of grease.

For further information on how to prevent these types of incidents occurring please visit [www.direct.gov.uk/firekills](http://www.direct.gov.uk/firekills).