



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/) or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.



## Recent News & Event

### Businesses encouraged to accept free fire safety checks

Local businesses are being encouraged to accept a free fire safety check if they are contacted by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Business fire safety checks involve firefighters visiting selected premises, based on their detailed local knowledge, and meeting with the Responsible Person. The aim is to give simple advice on how to make the property – and the people within it – safer from the risk of fire or confirm that the right things are being done.

More on business fire safety, including how to complete a fire risk assessment, can be found at [www.dwfire.org.uk/business-fire-safety](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/business-fire-safety)

### Carbon monoxide safety reminder



We've been reminding everyone to make sure that they have both carbon monoxide and smoke alarms fitted at home.

It follows an incident last month when firefighters rescued a woman who had been rendered unconscious by carbon monoxide after a smouldering fire seeped smoke into her flat.

For advice on carbon monoxide and making your home safer, visit [www.dwfire.org.uk/carbon-monoxide](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/carbon-monoxide)

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Deliberate Fires	
June	
Cricklade	0
RWB	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

Accidental Dwelling Fires	
June	
Cricklade	3



RWB	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>AFA's Domestic</b>	
June	
Cricklade	3
RWB	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>AFA's Non Dwellings</b>	
June	
Cricklade	4
RWB	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

<b>RTC's</b>	
June	
Cricklade	3
RWB	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

## **AOB:**

DWFRS is continuing to seek new recruits to our OnCall duty system at all Stations across the North Wiltshire Area.

A "Have a Go" Day is being organised on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July at Westlea Fire Station with the aim of maximising attendance in the most cost effective manner. This day is open to anyone that is interested in becoming an OnCall Firefighter and is a great opportunity to learn what is involved, have a go at some of the practical tests, and speak to existing Firefighters about the reality of being OnCall.

We are advertising on our social media channels and expect a high number of applicants from across the area.



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FIRE AND RESCUE**

DWFRS has been particularly busy attending a number of large incidents such as a scrap metal fire in Pewsey and a Thatch Fire in Calne. Both incidents have required a huge effort from all our staff in both operational and support roles.

If you have any questions or would like more information on a particular topic at a future Board meeting then please drop me a line and I will do my best to find someone to assist.

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