



Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

Report for Calne Area Board

Fires

We have seen an increase in the number of fires that we attended during the months of September and October 2009. Our accidental fires have included a bedroom, barn, cigarette bin and a garden bonfire which then spread to a fence. We have also attended 2 chimney fires within the Board area.

Our deliberate fires have included wheelie bins, refuse bins, a cash machine, hay bales, bushes, a tree and paper. In addition we have also had 2 deliberate dwelling fires, one involving a hallway and the other involving a living room.

On a more positive note Wiltshire Fire and Rescue were not called to attend any incidents on either Halloween or Bonfire Night this year.

Injuries

One adult female and 1 adult male were treated for smoke inhalation following 2 separate dwelling fires. Wiltshire Fire & Rescue also assisted with a request for assistance from our Ambulance colleagues to move a male casualty with breathing difficulties.

RTC'S

We have not been called to attend any Road Traffic Collisions during September and October within the Board's area.

Community Safety

We continue to work with our partners to identify our more vulnerable members of our Community who may be at an increased risk of fire, and also to identify those responsible for deliberate fire setting. With regard to the increase in deliberate fires we have been working with the Anti Social Behaviour Panel, and others, so that we can identify ways to counter act this.

Community Fire Safety Activities are continuing to focus on Chimney Fire Safety following an increase in calls to chimney fires last winter. People with open fires, wood stoves and flame effect gas fires are encouraged to get their chimneys swept and flues checked regularly.

We are also highlighting Winter Fire Safety and Christmas Fire Safety, with particular emphasis on being careful not to overload sockets with various Christmas Lights, etc. We also urge people to be careful with candles.

For further information please visit www.direct.gov.uk/firekills