



REPORT TO THE WARMINSTER AREA BOARD JANUARY 2010

FIRES - There has been a slight increase in dwelling fires over the last two months most of which were cooking related. Press releases are sent out regularly to promote awareness on fire safety in the kitchen. Crews are still attending fires in properties where no smoke detectors are fitted and there is ongoing work in the community highlighting the importance of having well maintained, working smoke detectors in the home.

It is pleasing to note a slight decrease over the last two months in deliberate fire setting, however, work continues with members of the anti social behaviour panel to keep this figure low. Where individuals up to the age of 18 are identified for specific deliberate incidents the Juvenile Fire Setter service was offered as an intervention

The Fire Stop Project launched in April continues to be promoted across the region. This aim of this project is to work in collaboration with a range of statutory & voluntary organisations to identify the more vulnerable members of our community who may be at increased risk of a dwelling fire. We then offer home safety checks and fit smoke alarms where needed.

ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS – Planning the Black Dog Road Safety campaign for all age groups and Safe Drive Stay Alive event for school age children. The Safe Drive event was held in Trowbridge on 24th and 25th November for all Year 11 pupils in West Wiltshire schools.

DEATHS – There have been no fire related deaths in the area.

COMMUNITY INTERVENTION – There has been an increase in the number of home safety checks (HSC's) carried out due, in part, to a promotion of this service at flu clinics. This has increased the number of HSC's for our vulnerable groups which we hope to continue throughout 2010.

Press releases for Nov/Dec can be found on our website (www.wiltsfire.gov.uk) and include candle safety, Christmas safety, Chimney safety and how to stay safe and warm this winter.