



# Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

## Report for Chippenham Area Board

### Fires:

Whilst it is pleasing to report a slight decrease in the accidental fires that we attended during the months of September and October 2009, it is disappointing to report that we have seen an increase in deliberate fires for the same period.

Our accidental fires have included a dishwasher, chip pan, grill pan, a sock on a light fitting, a lounge, a barn, wood burning stove and some vehicles. We have also attended 1 chimney fire within the Board area.

Our deliberate fires have included a shed, trampoline, play house, greenhouse, grass, a disused building, a motorbike in addition to several wheelie bins and refuse bins. We have had an issue with some of these deliberate fires occurring around the Cepen Park area although this does seem to have abated. We continue to work with the Police to identify those responsible.

With seasonal events in mind Wiltshire Fire and Rescue only attended one incident in the Boards area around Bonfire Night this year. This occurred on the 4<sup>th</sup> November and involved a firework being lit and placed inside a Paperbank at Sutton Benger Village Hall.

### Injuries:

One adult female and 1 adult male were treated for smoke inhalation following 2 separate dwelling fires. A third adult male sustained a minor burn injury to his hand following a small fire in his lounge.

### RTC'S:

We have seen a slight decrease in the Road Traffic Collisions that we attended during September and October within the Board's area. Three of these incidents occurred on the M4 with the others occurring on the A4, A350 and the A420 in and around the Chippenham area.

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](http://www.direct.gov.uk/firekills)