



Corsham Area Board - Report 23rd November 2017

Recruitment Campaign

Ahead of opening up whole-time recruitment on 6th Nov, we have run six “have-a-go-sessions” during October so that under-represented groups in our community – in particular women and BME – can see what it is like to be a firefighter. Three of these have been in the Wiltshire area, Swindon, Salisbury & Trowbridge. Despite numerous campaigns in the past, female and BME groups are still under-represented in the Fire Service and we are hoping that this positive action will help destroy some of the myths about the job.



Safety Weeks

DWFRS has been supporting a number of various “Safety Weeks” during September and October. This support has generally been in the form of giving advice through media outputs and during safe and well visits and Fire Safety interventions. These last two months have seen the following campaigns:

- Chimney Fire Safety Week
- Business Safety week
- Gas Safety week
- UK Home Safety week
- Candle Safety week



- National Burn awareness day
- Student Fire Safety Week

Response

Total Incidents attended by DWFRS for Corsham Area; 01/09/17 – 31/10/17.

DWFRS have responded to 19 incidents on Corsham's station ground between the dates above categorised in the table below.

Of the 9 false alarms, 4 have been at the same property; we are in contact with the occupiers in an effort to reduce these unwanted calls.

Of the 6 fires, only one of these involved a domestic property.

Category	Total Incidents
False Alarm	9
Fire	6
Special Service	4
Total	19

Significant Incidents

At about 22.30 on the evening of 7th Sept we received calls to a fire at Fiveways Industrial Estate, Westwells Rd, Hawthorn. Crews were faced with a well-developed fire in a laundry unit with the roof already showing signs of collapse. It was quickly established that there were no persons involved so the priority became one of stopping the fire spreading to neighbouring properties. Five fire engines were used to control the fire along with an Incident Control Unit and the aerial ladder from Bath. Interestingly the fire engine crewed by the Defence Fire Service also attended due to the proximity of the fire to their fire station.

Response Times (Time of call received by Control to FRS resource at scene)

The average response time for the incidents in this period is 11 minutes.



Safe and Well Visits- Home safety

The Corsham area has a dedicated Fire Service '**Safe and Well**' advisor who can visit people, within their own homes, advising on home safety and wellbeing.

A Safe and Well visit is **FREE** and normally last 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

If you have thatch property, are living alone, have a young family, are over 65 or a smoker please get in contact with us. We want to help make you safer in your own home. If you or someone you know has mobility or sight and hearing impairments, please suggest a Safe and Well visit.

<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>

On-Call Recruitment

Malmesbury Fire Station is crewed by part time "On-Call" Fire fighters. To maintain the availability of the fire engine at the station we are recruiting for On-Call Fire fighters. We are particularly interested in people who could provide availability at weekends. If you are interested or know anyone who might be interested, please visit our website (check the link below) or contact our HR team on 01722 691444.

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/>

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