

Southern Wilts Area Board Report May 2018

This has been a very busy period of time for the service with the severe weather and the chemical weapons attack in Salisbury. Even so, the crews and stations that serve Southern Wiltshire continue to contribute to their community. A few examples for you:

- Assist with accommodation for agency partners
- Run the 4x4 cell to get essential workers to their places of work during the snow
- Hosted Salisbury 10 mile road race – A significant event in the Southern Road Running diary involving 800 runners
- Organising and hosting the 'Bangers and Bikes Cycle Ride' on the 13th May
- Hosting NHS Blood Donation at the fire station in Salisbury on the 15th May
- A Salamander Course to be hosted at Amesbury in June

Community Engagement

The station are using Pinpoint to target specific properties for Safe and Well visits. This is a software package that receives information from partners such as the NHS and uses this to prioritise people who are most vulnerable to fire. Crews are then providing the people at these addresses with information and further support should they want it in the form of a Safe and Well visit.

Anyone can apply for a FREE Safe and Well visit. They are prioritised for those most at risk using some simple questions:

Does only one adult live at the property?

Would anyone living in the property have difficulty in escaping the property in the event of a fire?

Does anyone living within the property have any impairments (Physical or Mental)?

Does anyone within this property hoard?

Has the occupier been discharged from hospital in the last 4 weeks or use medical oxygen?

Does this property have no smoke detectors or old smoke detectors?

Is anyone living at the property a smoker?

Is anyone living at the property over 65 years old?

Is anyone living at the property over 85 years old?

Are portable/plug in heaters used in the property?

Do you consider yourself or anyone in the property as vulnerable?



We can also arrange visits to our fire stations or one of our safety centres. For more information or to make a booking for your school or pre-school, please visit our webpage; <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/school-visits/> or email enquiries@dwfire.org.uk

If you need a smoke alarm, some advice or are worried about what you would do in an emergency, contact us for a free Safe and Well visit; <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>

Response

Total Fire Calls for Salisbury Fire station;

March

Category	Incidents
False Alarm	29
Fire	13
Special Service	51
Total	

April – not available as the month had not completed at the time of submitting, they will be included in the next area board report.

Category	Incidents
False Alarm	
Fire	
Special Service	
Total	

Availability of Wholetime (1st) appliance;

100%

Availability of On-Call (2nd) appliance;

March %

Appliance	Day	Night	Average
31P2	82.8	87.7	85.25

April %

Appliance	Day	Night	Average



Aprils figures were not available as the data does not complete until the end of the month and this report was submitted prior. Aprils will be included in the next report.

On-Call Recruitment

Recruitment is an ongoing issue. Despite this Salisbury RDS are still maintaining a very good availability of the appliance. They currently have 2 potential recruits working their way through the recruitment system and one trainee now on station. The station are working hard to maintain contact with them whilst they go through this process.

Recently a new recruit started at the station. He has completed his basic training successfully and will soon be undertaking his breathing apparatus training. From this point he will start to really have a good impact on the availability.

The service will be moving to new method of payment for its on-call staff. This will be a salary based scheme rather than utilising a retaining fee. This means on call staff will be rewarded for the cover they give rather than the incidents they attend. It will cost the service more money, but it is believed that it will result in better appliance availability.

Recruitment campaign

If anyone is interested in becoming an On Call Firefighter, visit the webpage; <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/> or pop in the station for a chat on Monday evenings between 7pm and 9pm (Salisbury) or Wednesday evenings 7pm – 9pm (Wilton and Amesbury).

Community Safety Plan

DWFRS Community Safety Plan can be found on the DWFRS website; <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

Bangers and Bikes

Starting and finishing at Salisbury fire station on Sunday 13 May, the event offers four different bike rides, and all riders can enjoy a drink and a sausage in a roll once they finish.

The sportive is in aid of the Fire Fighters Charity and the Macular Society's Research Fund.

The Fire Fighters Charity (www.firefighterscharity.org.uk) provides support to all personnel within the fire and rescue service, including vital recuperation and rehabilitation facilities for injured firefighters.

The Macular Society (www.macularsociety.org/research) is the national charity for anyone affected by central vision loss. It funds clinical research and has supported groundbreaking developments in areas including stem cell treatment.

Group Manager Dave Jacomb, from Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, is one of the organisers, and said: "The event was the brainchild of Lesley Aldridge, whose husband John is one of our Assistant Chief Fire Officers. The Macular Society's Research Fund was chosen as a beneficiary as a close relative of the Aldridge family suffers from juvenile



macular degeneration, while we all have a connection to the Fire Fighters Charity. Last year's sportive was great fun and we'd love to see even more people get involved this year."

He added: "The choice of routes makes it suitable for everyone, from families through to dedicated road cyclists, and we hope to raise a lot of money for our charities through entry fees, rider sponsorship and a fundraising draw on the day. It is also a way for us to support the #LoveSalisbury campaign!"

The four routes and their entry fees are:

- 15km short route – £10 adults, £5 U16s
- 32km standard route – £15 adults, £10 U16s
- 75km epic route (adults only) – £20
- 100km hot route (adults only) – £20

Entries can be made through www.salisburyfirestation.info and the closing date is midnight on 10 May.

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