



Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

Report for Chippenham Area Board

Fires

WFRS attended 12 accidental fires within the Board's area during November and December 2009. This was a slight increase from the previous 2 months. These involved various items including a skip, grass, cars, washing machine and the remainder involved cooking/cooker related fires.

WFRS saw a decrease in the number of deliberate fires we attended during the same period from 19 to 7. These included predominately vehicles.

Injuries

2 individuals, 1 adult and 1 child, suffered smoke inhalation following a fire in their home.

RTC'S

We attended 9 Road Traffic Collisions within the Boards area during November/December. These incidents occurred at various locations. 4 of these incidents occurred on the A429

Year 11 students from across North Wiltshire attended our Safe Drive Stay Alive Road Show at The Olympiad in November.

Community Safety

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 promoting Winter Fire Safety.

With reference to an incident that we have recently attended it would seem opportune to remind individuals to consider kitchen safety, in particular not to leave their cooking unattended.

The Home Office website called the 'Fire Gateway' through which we receive or process many of our requests for Home Fire Safety Checks closed on 22nd January 2010.

Therefore from 22nd January 2010 there will be a link placed on our Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service website. This will link people to forms they can fill in whilst on line requesting a Home Fire Safety Check, Community Event visit and School visit or talk.

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