



Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

Report for Calne Area Board

Fires

WFRS attended 9 accidental fires within the Board's area during May and June 2010. These involved a cooker, a car, large bonfire, refuse, grass, a field and fence. The remaining incidents involved chimney fires.

WFRS were called to attend 4 deliberate fires during the same period, involving wheelie bins, a tree, a mattress and a skip. We will continue to work with other agencies to reduce deliberate fire setting.

Injuries

No individuals have been injured through any fire related incident that we have attended during May and June 2010.

RTC'S

WFRS were not called to attend any road traffic collisions within the Boards area during May and June 2010.

Community Safety

WFRS have been called to several barbecue related fires across the County during the past few weeks.

- Barbecues are a great way to cater for a large group of people, but they can be a fire risk if not looked after properly - remember these simple tips:
- Keep young children well away from the barbecue.
- Keep a bucket of water, sand or a garden hose handy in case of emergency.
- Stand portable barbecues on an even surface and make sure they are away from the house, fences or shed.
- Don't place the barbecue on dry grass or vegetation.
- Use only approved lighter fuels - never petrol or paraffin.
- Lighter fuels must only be applied before lighting.
- Make sure matches are extinguished before disposing of them.
- Be careful with fatty foods and never pour oil onto meat when it is cooking.
- Never pour petrol on any barbecue to try and re-ignite it – start the process again.
- After you have finished cooking, extinguish the burning coals. Then leave one to three hours to check that the fire is completely out.
- Make sure the controls and cylinder valves of a gas barbecue are turned off before you store it away. Store your cylinder in a well ventilated area and check connections for leaks.

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