



Exmoor Area Panel Meetings items for discussion / community information by DSFRS.

Meeting Date: 03/03/2016

Location: Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross

Operational News for Community information relevant to the areas covered by area panel meeting (Remember Data Protection):

- Porlock crews have attended 14 calls since the last panel meeting. These have been 11 Co-Responder calls, 2 fires, 1 alarms operating.
- Porlock station currently operates with 10 personnel, 1 Watch Manager, 2 Crew Managers and 7 Firefighters.
- Co – Responders. Porlock still currently has 7 personnel who are co-responders and in partnership with South West Ambulance Service Trust, continues to offer assistance to life critical calls around the Porlock area.
- We have now completed the first 6 months of the trial period for the Rapid Intervention Vehicle (RIV) here at Porlock with good results. Crews this week have attended the Fire services training academy at Exeter Airport with the vehicle to enable crews to gain valuable experience using the vehicle and equipment in controlled live fire scenarios. This will enable crews to apply the skills learnt when they are faced with incidents in and around the Porlock area.

Community Safety news and activities within the areas covered by the relevant area panel meeting:

- Station personnel have continued to hand out fire safety leaflets and advice on topics including Chimney, log burner and open fire safety, thatch safety and winter safety.
- Leaflets have also been delivered to a number of addresses within the station area highlighting the opportunity for residents to receive a home safety visit if required. The resident would contact the Fire Service to arrange a suitable time for someone to visit their property and would then be advised on all aspects of fire safety within the home. If any panel members know of any particular members of their communities who they think would benefit from a safety visit then they should contact the Fire service. Contact details and copies of the leaflets can be found on the safety pages on the website www.dsfire.gov.uk