



Dunster Area Panel Meeting, items for discussion / community information.

Meeting Date: 29/07/2013

Location: West Somerset Council Chambers, Williton

DSFRS representative: Watch Manager Chris Jones,

Representing :

1. **Minehead** Fire Station (Dunster Panel area)
2. **Community Safety Officer for West Somerset** and Hinkley Point Development.

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

- **Minehead** Crews have attended over 50 operational calls since April. These have included, several Property Fires, Vehicle Fires, RTC's, Lift Rescues, a Large Animal Rescue and a small number of Automatic Fire Alarms.
- There have been no cases of deliberately ignited fires during the last quarter in the **Dunster** panel area.

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

- The Minehead Fire Station Community Facebook page continues to offer Fire Safety advice and relevant incident news.
- DSFRS community safety officers and the education team have recently worked in local Middle Schools where children took part in the 'Focus on Fire' programme. This was covered over several weeks in class and home study. This was carried out throughout June.
- DSFRS community safety officers and the education team have recently worked in West Somerset Community College on a RTC reduction campaign called 'To soon to Die' aimed at 15 to 16 year olds.
- Plans are in place to deliver a multi-agency community safety event at this year's Dunster Show. This will include a large stand that has Road Safety advice from, DSFRS, Avon & Somerset Police and Somerset Road Safety Partnership. Rural, Farming and Home Fire Safety advice from DSFRS and Health and Well-being advise from The Ambulance Service,
- Home Fire Safety Visits to vulnerable members of the community.

- Other Community Safety work continuing in the area includes: Route 60+ sessions in partnership with Somerset Road Safety.

Somerset Road Safety are carrying out another Route 60+ event

5th Sep 2013 (10:00 - 13:00)

Location: Brompton Regis Village Hall, TA22 9NL

This innovative course for senior drivers covers not only the way in which vehicles have changed over the years, but also how we can update our own driving habits and skills. Participants will take away a hi-vis jacket and a copy of the latest Highway Code free of charge. You will also be able to book a 1 hour driving refresher session with a qualified driving instructor.

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The presentation is designed to help the older driver, drive safely and for longer. It is not in any way a method to take away anyone's driving licence.

- **DSFRS news and public information concerning items such as the budget announcements etc relevant to the area panel meeting:**
- Budget cuts and proposals were considered by the Fire Authority during July. Announcements and decisions by the Authority on the plans to save over £ 5.5 million during 2013/14 were released confirming that in the Somerset area, Fire stations operating Co – Responders will work under a different format, Crewing levels at Taunton Fire Station on the Full time watches would be reduced and crews re deployed into other community related safety work. Other budget cuts included affect Plymouth, North Devon, Torquay and redundancies in support staff. Other budget proposals will be considered in due course for years 14/15