



**DEVON &
SOMERSET**
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Area Panel Meetings (Dunster) items for discussion / community information.

Planned Meeting Date: 2nd July 2019 at 7.00pm at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Williton

Operational News for Community information relevant to the areas covered by area panel meeting:

Williton Fire Station has 14 Firefighters (understaffed by 10), 1 Medium Rescue Pump, 1 Rapid Intervention Vehicle and a Co-Responder car. Staff are trained to attend fire related call, road traffic accidents, special services and medical incidents. We are also a Maritime Firefighting Station.

Since 1st January Williton crews have responded to a range of operational calls.

These have included 4 Road Traffic Collisions, 7 property fires, 3 vehicle fire, 3 Chimney Fires, 7 fires in the open including rubbish bins, unattended /out of control fires and open land, 13 special service calls to assist other agencies including ambulance to either medical gain entries or assistance at moving patients, and Standby Duties at other stations.

Crews have also attended 33 domestic and commercial smoke alarm calls and other calls made with good intent that were either fires out on arrival or faults on systems.

A recent incident of note was a large industrial fire at Roughmoor Trading Estate in the early hours of 25th June.

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

Community safety work has been carried out at various events in and around Williton.

These include:

- Visits to the Fire Station from local youth clubs with others planned for the year.
- The Fire Station has been involved in community events such as the Williton duck race Armed Forces Day and will be at the following Summer Fetes:
 - Williton, 6th July
 - Roadwater, 27th July
 - Watchet Carnival, evening 27th July
 - Watchet Fete, 28th July (this will include road safety awareness and a practical demonstration from crews)

- Community safety team members have arrangements to deliver Home Fire Safety Group talks.
- Home fire safety visits to those requesting a visit and being considered at higher risk.
- Continued business compliance visits and safety checks. Some have resulted in action being taken and others have been given advice where necessary.
- Crews continue to raise awareness about our Home Fire Safety Check and Visit Service locally. **Please see below for full details:**

Did you know you are entitled to a **FREE Home Fire Safety Check** and may also be entitled to a **FREE Home Fire Safety Visit**?

Do you know or care for someone that may benefit from this service?

All residents that live within Devon or Somerset are entitled to call our **FREEPHONE** advice number and receive **FREE home safety advice**.

It will take no more than 5 minutes and you will be asked some simple questions that will help our advisor decide if you need a **FREE Home Fire Safety Visit**.

Home Fire Safety Visits, take around 30 minutes and are bespoke to suit the circumstances of the individuals and homes we visit.

If a Full **FREE Home Fire Safety Visit** is considered appropriate, it may also include fitting **FREE** smoke detectors or other equipment should you require them. You would also be offered all the advice you may need to make you safer in your home.

Visits are arranged to suit your circumstances and at times to suit you.

Calls can also be made on behalf of others that you care for, and arrangements made via a preferred third party contact.

If a visit is not considered appropriate following your telephone call, our team will ensure you are sent all the relevant **FREE advice and literature** to help you carry out the checks in your own home.

To receive the **FREE Home Fire Safety Check** and seek advice about a **FREE Home Fire Safety Visit**, please call **0800 05 02 999**.

Or Text info line: 078 00 00 2476

Further details can be found on our website at

www.dsfire.gov.uk/YourSafety/SafetyInTheHome

Proposed changes to Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service

A public consultation on a series of options to change the way the Service operates in the future opened on today Tuesday 2nd July and will run until 20 September 2019.

In one of the proposed changes Williton Fire Station's second appliance will be switched off during the day to be on-call at night only.

More information can be found at www.dsfire.gov.uk/SaferTogether please take part in the consultation and have your say.

Public 'drop-in' exhibitions

There are drop-in sessions about the changes the nearest to Williton being below;

Minehead Library

Banks Street, Minehead, Somerset, TA24 5DJ

Thursday 22nd August 2019 11am-3pm