

## Station 19 Yatton

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Yatton Fire Station is crewed by local people; “local people protecting Yatton” to make Yatton a safer place to live, work and visit.

# Overview

As part of Avon Fire and Rescue, fire fighters from Yatton Fire Station are working to make you and our community safer in your homes and on the road. Did you know that last year we were called to 112 incidents including house fires, road traffic collisions, flooding and other emergencies.

## How can we help?

Our aim is to prevent emergencies from happening. We offer free advice, Home Fire Safety Visits and can fit free smoke alarms. We also work with local partners such as the local council, schools and businesses.

## What can we do to help?

Contact us, refer people to us, and invite us to your community groups and local events if you think they will be attended by people who need our help.



# Our priorities

This year we will be:

## Preventing

We aim to deliver 'Home Fire Safety' visits and advice, focused on high-risk groups in our local community, and work together with our local partners

## Protecting

We intend to fit free smoke alarms in the most 'at risk' households in Yatton and its surrounding areas

## Responding

We will continually review our equipment, staffing levels and training to ensure that we provide the highest level of emergency response to our community and surrounding areas.

Work towards reducing the number of Automatic Fire Alarms attended

Work with Station Liaison Officer to educate and inform premises occupiers on ways to reduce unwanted fire signals

Work towards reducing Malicious False Alarm

Work with the Station Liaison Officer and the Hoax Call Team in reducing False Alarm Malicious Calls



## Community and Fire Safety

Over the last few years our role has changed. We are now as concerned with trying to prevent emergencies, as responding to them when they do occur. We have made great strides in this area and our preventing and protecting activities are as professional as our responding activities. Our Home Fire Safety Visits were rated the best in the UK last year.

However, things never stand still and there is now a national emphasis on increasing access to public services to parts of the community who, traditionally, have not made use to them. Often these parts of the community are also the most vulnerable, and hence the very people that we want to target with our preventing and protecting work.

There is also a new emphasis on public sector organisations such as the council, police, national health and ourselves, working together to improve the local area in all sorts of ways. These improvements are highlighted in the Local Area Agreement and Crime & Disorder Reduction partnerships. Hence, locally, we are increasingly working with local partners and community groups in ways that may not directly relate to fire, road safety or our other areas of responsibility.

The aim is to maintain a balance between how much support we provide to the other organisations and community groups, etc, and how much they help us to deliver our community safety measures. For example, our community clean up days involve various people working together to make an area more pleasant. They help us to remove potential arson sources and promote fire safety messages.

Another example might be us helping to promote and run a flu-jab clinic, which improves the health and well being of local

people. At the same time it gives us access to a high risk group who would benefit from our fire safety messages, free smoke alarms and advice.

So while national initiatives such as increasing access to vulnerable groups and involvement in Local Area Agreements and partnerships may seem new, they are in fact activities we have been involved with for some time already and are just another way of helping to keep people safe.

We will endeavour to improve the community we serve through continual involvement with partners such as the police, local action teams, Woman's Institute, Yatton health Centre and others to help us promote community safety.

We will continue to engage with local schools through our SPARKS education programme which reinforces core fire safety messages in a fun way and helps to encourage young people to act as ambassadors, passing on the advice to their parents, carers, friends and families.

## Operational Issues

We will maintain existing operational readiness of personnel by continuing to train and develop staff in line with our training programme and through full involvement with the IPDS and PDR processes.

We will continue to gather local intelligence regarding our higher risk premises.



## Action Plan

No	Objective	Link to higher objective	Actions	Expected outcomes	Target or deadline	Person responsible	Hazard/event	Interventions	Residual risk rating	Other resource?
1	To promote Equalities and Diversity	LP1 2a LP1 2b	Promote equalities and diversity at station level Support staff to complete the equalities phase 2 training	Improve and maintain awareness of Equalities and diversity issues	2010	Equalities unit SM WM CMs	Time required for training and completion of phase 2	Flexible training arrangements	4	Equality advocates
2	Increased contact with most at risk / vulnerable groups	LP1 2a LP1 2b	Using FSEC and MOSAIC to identify and target the most vulnerable groups	HFSVs targeted towards our most vulnerable groups in the local area	Minimum of ? HFSVs by 2010	SM WM CM	Availability of crews to complete HFSV	HFSVs to be completed by two FF in station 4x4 vehicle	3	Fitters
3	Implement any corrective actions from Equality Impact Assessment		Complete an equalities impact assessment and implement identified actions	Improve provision of our services	2010	SM WM CM	Additional or unidentified workloads	Only engage in CFS activities that are relevant to service objectives	4	Equalities unit

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4	Support the work of the Local Action Team (LAT)		Station member to attend meetings	Improved community engagement, supporting safer Communities	Current & on going	SM CM	Staff availability	Partnership working with PCSOs attending meetings LAT	2	PCSOs
5	Utilise Fire Station for community groups to meet where other venues are unavailable	BV 142 206	Contact local groups	Community asset	On going	WM	Suitability of premises for needs	Local advertising Engage with groups	3	PCSOs Local shops
6	Access to training for all personnel	IRMP	All personnel to attend planned training programme	Trained & competent Crew	On going	SM	Flexible training arrangements	Flexible training arrangements	3	All crew members

To see our headline incident targets and how well we are doing, please refer to our monthly Station Target Tracker wall charts.