

## Station 08 Pill



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Local people serving the local community to make it safer for all

# Overview

As part of avon fire and rescue, pill fire station is working to make you and our community safer. did you know that last year pill were called to 114 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 intend to deliver 'home fire safety' visits and advice, focused on the identification of high-risk groups in our local community.

Protecting

We intend to fit free smoke alarms in the households identified as most 'at risk' in pill identified as most 'at risk' in Pill

Responding

We will work to help local businesses protect their properties, and recover from the effects of any emergency they may encounter.

We intend to work to identify and service the revised administration area

We will look to provide support and assistance to other agencies serving the public here in pill.

We intend to deliver safety awareness training to local schools using our sparks programme.

We hope to work with local groups such as the women's institute, local action team, the health centre and others to help us promote community safety.

Pill is a retained duty station that means we will be looking to recruit local people to help us deliver our services.



## 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.



| 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                              |                          | Continue the delivery of equalities training<br>Develop further safe zone concept.<br>Monitor service delivery of prevention protection strategies | A more inclusive work environment and a more inclusive and accessible delivery of service | 2009/10            | All                | Insufficient funding or resources/ availability of RDS staff                                     | Training Events Local reinforcement and challenge | 1                    | Equalities Team       |
| 2           | Increased contact with most at risk / vulnerable groups          |                          | Identify vulnerable groups and update station contact list.<br>Identify the needs of the groups contacted  |   | 2009/10            | SM<br>WM<br>CM     | Insufficient funding or resources/ availability of RDS staff/ take up and engagement from groups | Alarms Fitted<br>Education<br>Sparks Visit        | 2                    | Community Safety Team |
| 3           | Implement any corrective actions from Equality Impact Assessment |                          | Review Equalities Impact assessment  | None  | 2009/10            | SM<br>WM<br>CM     | Insufficient resources/ availability of staff  | None  | 1                    | Equalities Team       |

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