

## Press releases and incident reports of note

### Press releases

- The death of Her Majesty The Queen – *8 September 2022*
- Fire Authority meeting postponed – *8 September 2022*
- AF&RS Chief Fire Officer comments on effects of cost of living on staff – *7 September 2022*
- New video launched to help local businesses stay fire safe – *5 September 2022*
- Firefighters and paramedics share expertise on joint training exercise – *2 September 2022*
- Keep your home fire safe with new Home Fire Safety Checker – *1 September 2022*
- Six new AF&RS Control Firefighters celebrate at graduation ceremony – *31 August 2022*
- Big Jeff urges all to remember: Stop, Drop and Roll – *23 August 2022*
- How safe is your home? Check today with new online tool – *22 August 2022*
- Firefighters share important safety advice as water-related incidents rise across the Avon area – *19 August 2022*
- Resilience shown by fire service as local area swelters in second summer heatwave – *17 August 2022*
- Assistant Chief Fire Officer for Service Delivery Support appointed – *15 August 2022*
- Chief Fire Officer marks first 100 days in new role – *15 August 2022*
- Help us prevent fires in the hot weather – *10 August 2022*
- Remembering Roy Hackett MBE – *5 August 2022*
- Preventing fraud in our communities – *5 August 2022*
- Staff enjoy demonstration of state-of-the-art electric fire appliance – *4 August 2022*
- Performance report highlights 17% increase in emergency calls – *3 August 2022*
- Soaring temperatures see Avon fire crews journey east to Norfolk to provide firefighting support – *2 August 2022*
- AF&RS welcomes graduating crews: the new firefighters serving in your area – *1 August 2022*
- Avon Fire Authority Audit of Accounts Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 Notice of Public Rights – *27 July 2022*
- #RespectTheWater on World Drowning Prevention Day – *25 July 2022*
- Heatwave fire calls: crews attend over 80 more fires than previous week – *19 July 2022*
- Enjoy the water safely this heatwave – *14 July 2022*
- That's a wrap – AF&RS reveal rainbow wrapped fire engines in support of pride – *4 July 2022*
- Get involved: firefighter raises money for Bristol Children's Hospital with scarecrow competition – *1 July 2022*
- AF&RS launch Easy Read Service Plan – *23 June 2022*
- AF&RS gender pay gap cut in latest report – *22 June 2022*

- AF&RS recognised for contribution to changing the face of diversity – *21 June 2022*
- Welcoming UK's first British Sign Language 999 Service – *21 June 2022*
- Ten top tips for drowning prevention week – *17 June 2022*
- Home Fire Safety Week 2022: How fire safe is your home? – *13 June 2022*
- Nova Way Technical Centre to showcase job opportunities at open evening – *9 June 2022*
- Child Safety Week 2022: Have you planned your escape route - *6 June 2022*
- Former AF&RS Chief Fire Officer awarded Queen's Fire Service Medal – *2 June 2022*
- Celebrating 70 years at AF&RS – *1 June 2022*

### **Incident reports**

A total of 215 incident reports were uploaded to the website during this period.

- Crews mobilised to office building fire in Bristol City Centre – Canons Way, Bristol City Centre - *26 August 2022*

Crews from Temple, Bedminster, Southmead, Avonmouth, Hicks Gate, Kingswood, Pill, Portishead and Weston-Super-Mare were called at 09:38 to reports of a fire in an office building. On arrival, firefighters evacuated the building including one person trapped in a lift and located the fire in the basement. In total, 15 fire appliances attended the scene, including 10 fire engines, the breathing apparatus support unit, a turntable ladder, the command unit and welfare unit. 30 firefighters wore breathing apparatus and crews used two 45mm jets, two high pressure hose reels and small gear to extinguish the blaze. The cause of the fire is thought to be accidental.

- Combine harvester and wheat fire extinguished – Horton, South Gloucestershire - *8 August 2022*

Crews from Bath, Yate, Kingswood, Temple, Thornbury, Portishead, Avonmouth and Southmead, supported by Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service, were called at 12:11 to reports of a combine harvester well alight. On arrival, crews found a combine harvester and 30 acres of cut straw alight. Firefighters used one high pressure hose reel, three 45mm jets, foam and a number of beaters to extinguish the blaze. The cause of the fire is thought to be accidental.

- Firefighters extinguish house fire – Griggfield Walk, Hengrove – *22 June 2022*

Crews from Hicks Gate, Temple, Nailsea, Bath, Portishead and Kingswood were called to reports of a house fire. On arrival, firefighters found a fire involving sheds and fencing that had spread to four terraced homes. Crews used four jets, three hose reels, a turntable ladder, small gear and gas monitors to extinguish the blaze. Six firefighters wore breathing apparatus for safety. In total, 10 fire appliances attended with 33 firefighters on the scene. On Thursday 23 June, fire investigations officers joined CSI at the scene on Griggfield Walk, Hengrove to investigate the cause of the fire affecting sheds,

fencing and four residential properties. Following fire investigation, the cause of the fire has been determined as accidental, due to electrical overloading in a shed.

- Crews called to burst water main – Queen Charlton Lane, Keynsham – 16 June 2022

Our Control room received a call from police at 11:15, alerting us to a large water leak on Queen Charlton Lane near Keynsham. Crews from Hicks Gate, Temple, Avonmouth, Portishead, Kingswood and Nailsea responded to the incident. On arrival, crews found a significant water leak affecting multiple properties and the roadway at Queen Charlton Lane. Crews worked alongside police and Bristol Water to create a dam across Charlton Lane using soil and hardcore. Pumping operations then took place, with crews working with Bristol Water to stem the flow of water which was causing the leak. The incident was left in the hands of Bristol Water.

- House fire extinguished – Langford Road, Langford – 4 June 2022

Crews from Winscombe, Blagdon, Yatton, Weston-super-Mare, Bedminster, Clevedon, Nailsea and Avonmouth were called to reports of a house fire. On arrival, crews found a fire affecting two homes. Firefighters used a turntable ladder, three high pressure hose reels and two 45mm jets to extinguish the blaze. Three firefighters wore breathing apparatus for safety. The cause of the fire is thought to be accidental, due to electrical fault.