

Press releases and incident reports of note

Press releases

- Kingswood fire crews mark remembrance with commemorative truck design – *7 November 2022*
- Helping you save safely as energy prices soar – *8 November 2022*
- How could a carrot help keep you safe on Bonfire Night? – *1 November 2022*
- Welcoming five new on-call firefighters – *31 October 2022*
- Simple swaps for a safer spooky season – *26 October 2022*
- Caution urged on candle safety week - *25 October 2022*
- Celebrating Control Firefighters on Internal Control Room Week – *24 October 2022*
- Binning batteries safely saves lives – *14 October 2022*
- Diplodocus disaster: Firefighters extinguish dinosaur blaze – *13 October 2022*
- Bedminster fire crews unveil their newest fire engine artwork – *12 October 2022*
- We're going live on Facebook to answer your questions – *7 October 2022*
- Success at National Festival of Rescue – *3 October 2022*

Incident reports

A total of 62 incident reports were uploaded to the website during this period.

- Crews called to Weston-super-Mare beach – Knightstone Causeway, Weston-super-Mare – *15 November 2022*

Crews from Weston-super-Mare fire station were called at 20:25 to reports of a person stuck in the mud at Knightstone Causeway. On arrival, firefighters found a female casualty stuck in the mud close to the slipway. Crews rescued her using the hovercraft and transported her back to safety. The police and coastguard were also in attendance.

- Crews called to house fire – Great Pulteney Street, Bathwick – *4 November 2022*

We were called at 13:07 to reports of a fire on Great Pulteney Street, Bathwick. Crews from Bath and Kingswood responded to the incident and found a fire in a five-storey residential property. Six firefighters wearing breathing apparatus for safety used three high pressure hose reels, one 70mm safety jet, thermal imaging cameras, ventilation fans and small tools to extinguish the fire and clear smoke. Firefighters rescued one dog from the property. The cause of the fire is thought to be accidental.

- Crews mobilised to barn fire – Westerleigh Road, Pucklechurch - *4 November 2022*

We were called at 22:31 to reports of a barn fire on Westerleigh Road, Pucklechurch. Fire engines from Kingswood, Yate and Hicks Gate attended

the incident and found the fire affecting a building being used as a paddock and workshop. Crews used two 45mm jets and two high pressure hose reels to extinguish the fire, before using thermal imaging cameras to check for hotspots while damping down the area. The cause of the fire is thought to be deliberate ignition.

- Crews attend house fire – Ridgeway Road, Long Ashton – *28 October 2022*

Crews from Temple, Kingswood, Bedminster, Nailsea and Avonmouth were called to reports of a house fire at 12:34. On arrival, crews found a fire in the loft space of a semi-detached house. The fire further affected the roof space of the adjoining property. With eight firefighters wearing breathing apparatus, crews used two turntable ladders, four high pressure hose reels and one 45mm jet to extinguish the fire. Also in use were thermal imaging cameras and gas monitors to check the safety of the scene. Crews continued to monitor the scene for some time. The cause of the incident remains unknown.

- Emergency Services respond to Bristol tower block fire – Barton Hill, Bristol City Centre – *20 October 2022*

At 06:08, emergency services were called to a fire in a block of flats in Barton Hill, Bristol. The fire was on the first floor of Eccleston House on Aiken Street and spread to the outside of the building, so the decision was taken to evacuate.

Multiple fire crews were committed to the building wearing breathing apparatus for protection to extinguish the fire. Fire crews also carried out a full search of the building, with all persons accounted for. Ambulance, Police and Bristol City Council colleagues were also on the scene.

There were six casualties affected by the incident with burns and/or smoke inhalation, three who have been conveyed to hospital and three were treated at the scene by ambulance.

A rest centre was established since the early hours at St Patrick's Catholic Church, as well as a community-led one at the Tawfiq Masjid and Centre. Both sites provided welfare support for around 40 people in total. Council-led teams worked to help residents with food, clothing, access to medicines and other welfare and care needs, and some residents were housed in temporary accommodation for the evening.

A full investigation into the fire has been carried out and the cause is thought to be deliberate ignition.

- Crews attend fire at recycling centre – Church Town, Backwell – *18 October 2022*

Crews from Nailsea, Bedminster, Yatton and Paulton were called at 10:19 to reports of a fire at a recycling centre in Backwell. On arrival, firefighters found a large skip measuring six by four metres, well alight. Crews used a 45mm jet, 70mm jet and a high pressure hose reel to extinguish the blaze. The cause of the fire is thought to be accidental ignition.