

## Press releases and incident reports of note

### Press releases

- Yate Fire Station hosts welcome event for Ukrainian guests – *24 May 2022*
- AF&RS encourages responsible persons to prepare for new fire safety regulations – *24 May 2022*
- Important updates for landlords and business owners – *24 May 2022*
- AF&RS staff get involved in DIY SOS rebuild project – *23 May 2022*
- Retired firefighter takes on epic kayak challenge for charity – *17 May 2022*
- Local fire service issue dementia wristbands to help keep vulnerable residents safe – *16 May 2022*
- AF&RS support launch of New Rider Hub – *12 May 2022*
- AF&RS encourage safe preparations ahead of Jubilee celebrations – *12 May 2022*
- Breaking the stigma on Mental Health Awareness Week – *11 May 2022*
- Introducing second cohort of trainee firefighters for 2022 – *11 May 2022*
- Fire service staff to hold charity car wash – *10 May 2022*
- AF&RS issue Ukrainian home fire safety advice – *5 May 2022*
- AF&RS welcome new generation of Control Firefighters at graduation ceremony – *4 May 2022*
- Could you be a wholetime firefighter? – *3 May 2022*
- AF&RS stress importance of inclusion on Deaf Awareness Week – *2 May 2022*
- Be Water Aware: Simple ways to stay safe near water – *25 April 2022*
- Firefighters issue timely reminder after multiple water rescues – *21 April 2022*
- Statement issued in relation to social media 19 April 2022 – *19 April 2022*
- 24 new recruits join AF&RS after months of intensive training – *13 April 2022*
- Firefighter reunite bride and groom with wedding cake after venue fire – *11 April 2022*
- Firefighters raise over £7,000 for Red Cross Ukraine appeal – *11 April 2022*
- AF&RS encourage safe driving on Motorbike Safety Week – *10 April 2022*
- Firefighters prepare to embark on a 48-hour challenge to support Ukraine – *7 April 2022*
- Firefighters warn against deliberate fires – *4 April 2022*
- New Chief Fire Officer launches three-year Service Plan – *1 April 2022*
- AF&RS recognised for “extraordinary” contribution to the energy transition – *31 March 2022*
- Over 1000 years of Service celebrated – *28 March 2022*
- Firefighters Unite for Ukraine: the 48-hour non-stop charity race in aid of a crisis – *25 March 2022*
- Could you create a Trauma Teddy for a child in need? – *25 March 2022*
- Temporary Assistant Chief Fire Officer for Service Delivery Support appointed - *15 March 2022*
- Firefighters raise awareness of risks on No Smoking Day – *9 March 2022*
- Celebrating women in the fire service: International Women’s Day 2022 – *8 March 2022*

- Fire Kills: The ten second task that will help protect what you love - *4 March 2022*

### **Incident reports**

A total of 101 incident reports were uploaded to the website during this period.

- Spate of fires across Weston-super-Mare – *18 May 2022*

Between the hours of 03:59 and 05:50, crews from Weston and Portishead fire stations attended a total of eight vehicle and/or rubbish bin fires on Wooler Road, Gerard Road, Baker Street, Arundell Road, Cecil Road and Kewstoke Road, Weston-super-Mare. All the fires are thought to be deliberate ignition and we continue to support the police with their official enquiries as required.

- Firefighters extinguish refuse centre fire – Carsons Road, Mangotsfield – *17 May 2022*

At 10:50am crews from Kingswood, Hicks Gate, Temple, Yate, Portishead, Southmead, Pill and Avonmouth were mobilised to reports of a fire at a refuse centre on Carsons Road, Mangotsfield. Firefighters used two 45mm jets, two high pressure hose reels and multiple thermal imaging cameras to extinguish the blaze. 12 firefighters wore breathing apparatus for safety. The Service drone was also in use to check the severity of the blaze. Positive pressure ventilation fans were used to clear smoke logging from the building. Mechanical machinery was used on site to dig out materials to extinguish the flames. In total, 10 fire engines, the drone unit and the welfare unit attended the scene. The cause of the fire is thought to be accidental. During the incident, local residents were advised to keep their windows and doors closed due to smoke in the area. This guidance has now been removed as the fire has been extinguished.

- Crews attend property fire – Coronation Road, Southville – *14 May 2022*

Crews from Temple, Bedminster, Kingswood, Avonmouth, Southmead, Weston and Portishead were called to reports of a fire in a property at 16:43. On arrival, crews found a three-storey building including a basement, with a fire on the second floor. With six firefighters wearing breathing apparatus, crews used one turntable ladder, a short length ceiling hook, drone, one 35mm ladder, two high pressure hose reels, one covering jet and three 45mm jets to extinguish the fire. A positive pressure ventilation fan was also used to clear smoke. Neighbouring properties were also checked as smoke had entered the shared roof space. The scene was inspected multiple times by fire investigation officers, as well as by a fire investigation dog. The incident was left in the hands of police colleagues, with further investigations being carried out. The cause of the incident was determined to have been deliberate ignition.

- Crews mobilised to barn fire – Stowey Road, Clutton – *4 May 2022*

We were called at 00:41 to reports of a barn fire on Stowey Road, Clutton. Three fire engines from Chew Magna, Radstock and Paulton fire stations

attended the incident and found a barn, used to store livestock, on fire. Crews used two high pressure hose reels and one 45mm jet to extinguish the fire and two firefighters wore breathing apparatus for safety. Two goats were rescued from the barn, but unfortunately 10 lambs were severely affected by the fire. Once the fire was extinguished, crews stayed on scene damping down the area and checking for hotspots. The cause of the fire is thought to be accidental.

- Crews called to multiple car fires – Gypsy Patch Lane, Patchway - 3 April 2022

Firefighters from Temple, Southmead, Avonmouth, Patchway, Portishead, Kingswood and Hicks Gate fire stations were called to reports of multiple cars alight in a car park. On arrival, crews found a fire involving 20 vehicles with various amounts of damage. Firefighters used three high pressure hose reels, one 45mm jet, four dry powder extinguishers, battery spreaders, small gear and foam to extinguish the blaze. Six firefighters wore breathing apparatus for safety. The Services' drone was also mobilised to the scene to support Avon and Somerset Police with investigations at the scene. The cause of the fire is thought to be deliberate.