

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service



Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service has 24 fire stations across Wiltshire and Swindon and more than 700 staff, all working to protect our local communities.

We have wholetime stations in Swindon, Stratton and Salisbury; day-crewed stations in Westlea, Chippenham and Trowbridge; and retained stations in Cricklade, Ramsbury, Marlborough, Wootton Bassett, Corsham, Malmesbury, Calne, Wilton, Tisbury, Mere, Amesbury, Ludgershall, Pewsey, Bradford on Avon, Melksham, Westbury, Warminster and Devizes.

Retained firefighters are men and women who are on-call in addition to their other jobs and commitments. We are always looking for people to become retained firefighters in the areas where they live or work – to find out more, call 01380 731144 or visit www.wiltsfire.gov.uk

In 2008/09, the service received 13,587 emergency calls, responding to 2,323 fires, 693 road traffic collisions and 348 flooding incidents. We also dealt with 725 co-responder calls, where firefighters support the ambulance service by attending medical emergencies ahead of a paramedic arriving.

We are one of the lowest precepting fire authorities in the country, and we are also rated as one of the best for operational performance. In the recent Oneplace review, part of the new Comprehensive Area Assessment process, we were rated as 'performing well' by the Audit Commission. We were particularly praised for the way we keep our local communities safe, and for how we work with other agencies, such as local councils, the police and the health service.

Resourcing our key aims to ensure maximum efficiency

The Wiltshire & Swindon Fire Authority, which acts as the overall governing body for the Fire & Rescue Service, has 13 members, nine appointed by Wiltshire Council and four by Swindon Borough Council.

These councillors have a statutory duty to provide the financial and other resources necessary to ensure an efficient and effective service. To this end, they set an annual budget, which is met through:

- Grant from central government
- An allocation of non-domestic rates
- An annual precept on local taxpayers, raised as part of the council tax bill

The amount you will pay for your Fire & Rescue Service in 2010/11 will be as follows

Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£41.59	£48.52	£55.45	£62.38	£76.24	£90.10	£103.97	£124.76

Capital expenditure 2010/2011

Capital Programme 2010/11	(£)
Property and estates	601,000
Vehicles and equipment	1,340,000
Information communication and technology	476,000
Total capital programme 2010/11	2,417,000

How do we perform?	2008/09 actual	2009/10 target	2006/07 national average
Expenditure per head of population on the provision of fire and rescue services	£36.47	£38.11	£43.20
Number of primary fires per 100,000 population (eg property fires)	178.32	180.20	254.10
Percentage of fires attended in dwellings where no smoke alarm was fitted	36.30%	36%	40.85%

Budget 2009/10 – how the money was spent and where it came from (£)

Employees	18,812,100	(76.9%)
Premises	1,191,700	(4.9%)
Transport	750,500	(3.1%)
Supplies and services	2,851,600	(11.6%)
Capital financing charges	1,404,600	(5.7%)
Income	-541,800	(-2.2%)
Total net expenditure	24,468,700	(100%)
Council tax	14,969,000	(61.2%)
Government support	9,448,800	(38.6%)
Collection fund surplus	50,900	(0.2%)
Total financing	24,468,700	(100%)

Budget 2010/11 – how the money will be spent and where it will come from (£)

Employees	19,185,600	(76.4%)
Premises	1,277,700	(5.1%)
Transport	794,900	(3.2%)
Supplies and services	2,567,200	(10.2%)
Capital financing charges	1,844,600	(7.3%)
Income	-618,400	(-2.5%)
To/from reserves	75,000	(0.3%)
Total net expenditure	25,126,600	(100%)
Council tax	15,517,100	(61.7%)
Government support	9,586,800	(38.2%)
Collection fund surplus	22,700	(0.1%)
Total financing	25,126,600	(100%)