

2020-2021 Brief Report from Faringdon Fire Station – By Watch Manager Becky Rimmer

Incident to date

Since our last report April 2020, Faringdon have attended 184 Incidents consisting of:
Alarms actuating at Residential and Domestic Properties.

Road Traffic collision

Special service calls i.e. lock in-outs, Animal Rescues,

Primary Fires i.e. House Fires

Secondary Fires i.e.: Bin Fires, Fire in the open.

Chimney Fires

Over the Boarder incidents, assisting crews from Wiltshire and Gloucestershire

Several major Incidents that we have helped assist with other emergency services, Police and Ambulance.

In addition, prior to covid -19, the station maintained its weekly training sessions along with annual refresher training days on our required core skills these include: Breathing Apparatus, Road Traffic Collisions, Working at Height, Water Rescues and other Life critical training. Unfortunately, during the first lockdown period, we had to suspend all practical training and only attend operational emergencies. This was achieved by sticking to the government guidance, maintaining the 2m distance where practicable and the wearing of extra PPE, masks. Initially it was a challenge, but thankfully during the first stages of lockdown emergency incidents in the area did decrease. Come September and with further guidance, we were able to return to weekly training at the station, albeit in smaller groups to minimise the risk where possible, still continuing to wear extra PPE and social distance where possible.

Station Support Officer

Watch Manager Vince Sturt who was the Station Support Officer for Faringdon left at the end on 2020, to become the SSO for Witney and Burford Fire Station. Our replacement is Watch Manager Becky Rimmer, which some of you may know. She has been an On-call firefighter for 22years serving Faringdon fire station and continues to support the local community. If you require any information, you can get in touch with her on 07876 448776 or email

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In October 2020, after 31years of commitment and dedication to serve Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue service, at Faringdon Fire Station we had to say a sad farewell to Watch Manager Dave Arlott, as he decided to retire from the service. We wished him well with a very small social distanced presentation, and hope he is enjoying his time with his family without a pager.

Watch Manager Becky Rimmer has taken on his role for Faringdon Fire Station as well as the SSO role.

Recruiting

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service are recruiting for 'On Call' personnel over the age of 18years. We at Faringdon have had a good intake on numbers, to 17 personnel. However, we are looking for weekday and weekend cover still. If you or anyone you know off that would be interested in becoming a Firefighter, please get in contact with us at the Fire Station on 01367 240134, mobile:07876 448776 or email rebecca.rimmer@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Our website www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oncallfirefighter will give you all the information you will need to know about the role of a firefighter and the recruitment process

Community Responding

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service and South-Central Ambulance Service are still in partnership, training fire fighters as IEC (Immediate Emergency Care) so we can support and attend cardiac arrest patients. Through Covid-19 a few of our operational firefighter from Oxfordshire were seconded to assist SCAS for a few months, giving them the help and support to attend emergency care through those unprecedented times.

Update on 365 Alive.

365alive is Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service's vision to ensure that we are working every day to save and improve the lives of people across Oxfordshire.

The vision is supported by Road Safety, Trading Standards, Emergency Planning and Gypsy and Travellers Services.

As Oxfordshire thrive's we anticipate a significant change in three key areas. There will be more homes, this will support new workplaces and miles travelled will increase in line with this growth. We have recognised that:

Extra people travelling more miles on our roads mean that we will see an increase in the risk of Road Traffic Collisions.

The growth in the number of home and workplace's built means that we will see an increased risk in the number of domestic and commercial fires.

The expanding and increasingly ageing population mean's that we will see an increase for an immediate medical response.

What do we want to achieve?

The vision has been running for 6 years from 2016 to 2022, in this time we would like to achieve

PREVENTION, PROTECTION & EMERGENCY RESPONSE	EDUCATION	VULNERABLE / LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN & ADULTS	BUSINESSES
6,000 more people alive as a result of our prevention, protection and emergency response activities.	85,000 children and young adults (to include looked after children) to be better educated to lead safer and healthier lives.	37,500 vulnerable children and adults helped to lead more secure and independent lives supported by safe and well-being visits.	20,000 businesses given advice and support to grow.

1.6 Million
Safety Messages

For details on 365alive, please visit our website www.365alive.co.uk

Smoke Alarms

As part of our role, we go out into the community to deliver fire safety talks and fit smoke alarms, but due to covid-19 we had to cancel all visits. We now have guidance as to when we can carry out a visit, but this is only for those that are without a smoke alarm. If you know of anyone that has not got a smoke alarm, then please get in contact.

If anyone would like information on fire safety, then please get in contact with us on 08000 325999 or visit our website on www.365alive.co.uk

