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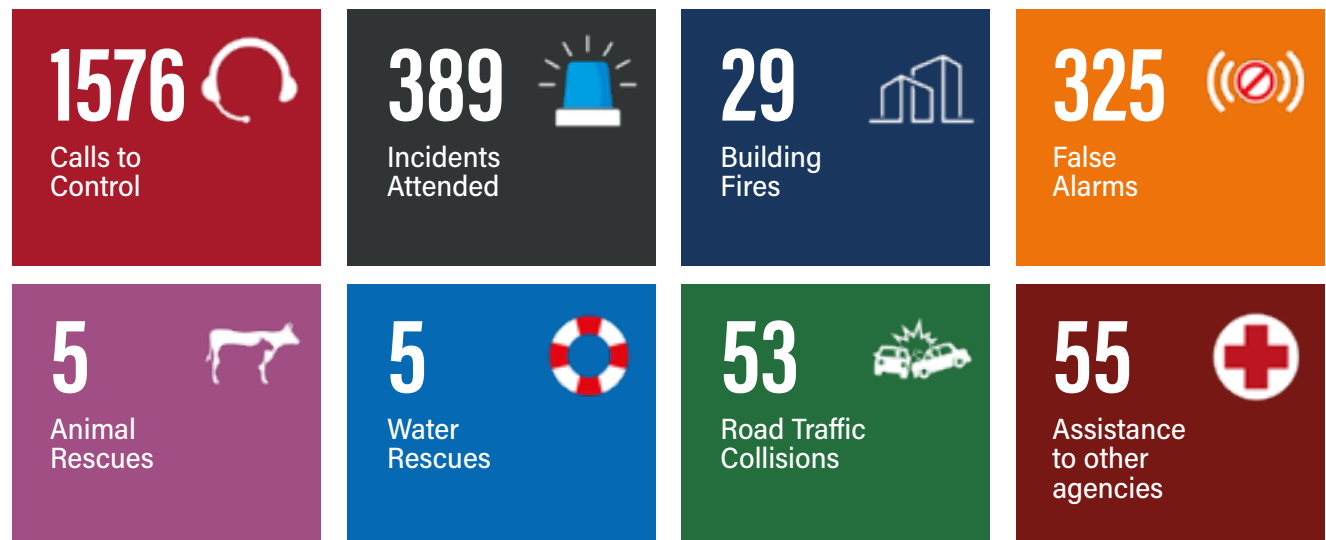
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Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service is responsible for providing emergency response cover to nearly 12,000 square kilometers - almost two-thirds of Wales.

Here's what kept us busy last month:



JANE DODDS MS

JANE DODDS MS VISIT TO NEWTOWN FIRE STATION

On Monday, August 21st, Member of the Senedd for Mid and West Wales, Jane Dodds MS, visited Newtown Fire Station to meet the crew as well as members of the local 'Knit and Natter Newtown' group.

The 'Knit and Natter' group have recently been busy creating a collection of colourful teddy bears, each one with its own unique character. The purpose of the teddies is for them to be given to children involved in incidents, who may find the experience overwhelming and frightening.

The teddies will join the Newtown Fire Station crew members in their fire engines and will be distributed to children at incidents attended as and when

they're required. It's hoped that the teddies will help alleviate any distress when possible, as incidents often occur unexpectedly and are unfamiliar experiences.

During the visit, a member of the 'Knit and Natter' group, Paula Roberts, said: "It's been a privilege to visit Newtown Fire Station today, meet some of the firefighters and hear how they manage their work and home lives to be retained firefighters. They all provide an invaluable service to Newtown and the surrounding area and we are so thankful to them.

It's wonderful to hear that our teddies will be put to such good use, not only will they bring some comfort and reassurance to children, but creating them provides us, as a group, with an opportunity to meet and socialise, as well as enabling us to continue with our woolly crafts."

From left to right: Station Commander Andrew Richards, Watch Manager Michael Wareing, Jane Dodds MS, Leah Brzeska, Paula Roberts, Firefighter Susan Richards, Crew Manager Simon Church and Station Manager Rhys Mullan.



SERVICE HQ AND CARMARTHEN STATION OPEN DAY

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service welcomed hundreds of people to its Headquarters and Carmarthen Fire Station Open Day on Friday, September 1st.

The Open Day provided visitors with a behind-the-scenes experience at Carmarthen Fire Station, through a variety of demonstrations, such as search and rescue dogs and chip pan fires, and activities such as face painting and turntable ladder rides – which made for a fantastic day for all. The underlying emphasis of the day revolved around community safety and

raising funds for two worthy causes – [The Fire Fighters Charity](#) and [2wish](#).

The day was supported by the efforts of the [Rapid Relief Team](#) – which provides support to emergency services at large-scale incidents and provided meals throughout the event, as well as the team in the Service's HQ staff cafeteria, Blasus, where light refreshments were available.

A fantastic total of over £3,300 was raised through the Open Day activities, which will be shared between both charities. Not only did the event raise much-needed funds for very worthy causes, it also provided an opportunity to welcome so many people to the Service's Headquarters and to reconnect with the community we serve.

OVER £3,000 RAISED THROUGH OPEN DAY ACTIVITIES!



WELSH FIREFIGHTERS DEPLOYED TO MOROCCO FOLLOWING TRAGIC EARTHQUAKE

Two Welsh International Search and Rescue teams have been deployed to support the response efforts in Morocco following the tragic earthquake on Friday, September 8th.

This week, UK-ISAR (UK International Search and Rescue Team) were deployed to Morocco supporting the response to the tragic earthquake, killing more than 2,000 lives.

Two Welsh ISAR teams were among the 62 strong that were on the ground, currently helping and supporting with the rescue after being deployed to Morocco through the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO).

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS) had four members from their team – Head of Southern Division Steve Davies, Watch Manager Kevin Morgan based at Earlswood Training



Facility, Watch Manager Stephen Fuge of Gorseinon Station and Firefighter Derek Lewis of Neath Station, along with two from South Wales Fire and Rescue Service (SWFRS) – Firefighter Alex Bland of Malpas Station and Firefighter Rob Buckley of Ely Station.

Speaking in Morocco, Head of Southern Division, Steve Davies, said:

"We've encountered very challenging conditions, as well as having to travel long distances. After meeting with the local team, we're travelling two to three hours away to a remote village, pushing through any blockages on the way to see if we can enable rescues."

"We will continue with our search and rescue work until the local authorities deem the rescue phase to be over. At the moment, our priority is trying to find saveable life."

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly said:

"The UK Government has sent immediate support to Morocco including a team of 62 search and rescue specialists and four rescue dogs to assist with the rescue effort."

"I remain in contact with Foreign Minister Bourita and offer my deepest sympathies to the people of Morocco after this tragic event."



UK-ISAR is part of the National Fire Chiefs Council's (NFCC) National Resilience Work and is on permanent standby to mobilise and assist when requested by disaster-affected countries.

National Fire Chiefs Council Chair, Mark Hardingham, said:

"The thoughts of the UK's fire and rescue services are with all those affected by the devastating earthquake in Morocco."

"A team of specially trained firefighters and medics from the UK has been deployed to assist following a request from the Moroccan government to the British government."

"They will be providing specialist technical support where it is needed most to save lives and support local emergency service teams"

This was the third time in 2023 that SWFRS and the second that MAWWFRS has deployed Firefighters to a disaster zone:

- In February 2023, a team of 77 UK International Search and Rescue (UKISAR) experts; three members of SWFRS, Firefighter Luke Davison of Malpas Station, Crew Manager Emma Atcherley of Cardiff Central Station and Firefighter Robert Buckley of Ely Station and two members of MAWWFRS, Head of Southern Division Steve Davies and Watch Manager Phil Irving of Haverfordwest Station, were part of the operation in Turkey.
- In March 2023, a team of 27 UK International Search and Rescue (UKISAR) experts; two members of SWFRS, Station Commander Darren Cleaves and Crew Manager Tristan Bowen had been deployed to Malawi through the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) in the aftermath of Cyclone Freddy.

The UK-ISAR team responds primarily to overseas urban search and rescue emergencies on behalf of the UK Government.

Any UK-ISAR team deployed is self-sufficient upon arrival and provides its own food, water, shelter, sanitation, communications and all necessary equipment to undertake search and rescue operations for up to 14 days. This is to ensure no additional burden is placed upon a country already suffering demands on its resources following a sudden onset disaster.



SPORTS AND SOCIAL

Mid and West Wales Bowls Section have been busy over the last few months. To see what they have been up to, head over to the [website](#).



Flaming Fierce launch their new rounders kit!

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Rounders team received their new kit this September. The Service team are very grateful to receive the kit from their sponsors Polaris heating and electrical.



Rugby this September

On Wednesday 6th September, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Rugby section took on South Wales Fire and Rescue Service at Cardiff Arms Park, in a battle to win the Welsh Rugby cup. Although MAWWFRS fought a good fight, SWFRS took the win with 38-5.

Well done to all that took part in the match and thank you to everyone that came along to support the team on the day.

The Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Rugby Section is open to all employees of Mid & West Wales including volunteers, wholetime, On-Call, support staff and retired members. All are welcome to join or help in anyway whether that be in playing, coaching, physio or come along for the social side of the game.

Keep up to date with the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Rugby Team via their [Facebook Group](#), or by contacting Craig Jenkins c.jenkins@mawwfire.gov.uk / Sam Phillips sam.phillips@mawwfire.gov.uk



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For further information regarding the Sports & Social Club, please contact

Steve Philpott - S.philpott@mawwfire.gov.uk

Mae'r Clwb Chwaraeon a Chymdeithasu yn agored i holl aelodau presennol y Gwasanaeth, a'r aelodau sydd wedi ymddeol.

The Sports and Social Club is open to all current and retired members of the Service.



PARTNERSHIP

INSTALLING PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS AT OUR STATIONS

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS) is working in partnership with Save a Life Cymru (SALC) and Welsh Ambulance Service Trust (WAST) to increase the number of lifesaving public access defibrillators.

As part of the day's processions, over 1,000 Armed Forces route liners from all three Services and Standard Bearers of the Royal British Legion, Uniformed Civilian Services (UCS) and Community Organisations were involved.

Representing Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS) at the Coronation and forming part of the UCS was Head of Training Delivery, Stuart Bate, following a nomination by MAWWFRS Chief Fire Officer, Roger Thomas.

SALC was established in 2019 by Welsh Government and is working to ensure everyone's chance of surviving an out of hospital cardiac arrest is the same across Wales, to increase the number of people willing to attempt cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and to increase the public's understanding of defibrillators and what to do if a cardiac arrest occurs.

A sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, at any age, and every year in Wales, over 6,000 people suffer an out of hospital cardiac arrest. The chance of surviving one will fall by 10% with every passing minute if someone doesn't attempt CPR or using a defibrillator, currently only around 30-40% of people who suffer a cardiac arrest in the community will receive bystander CPR.

By working in partnership, MAWWFRS and SALC have identified 22 Fire Stations that do not have a public access defibrillator (PAD) within 500 metres and are working to correct this. During MAWWFRS's Headquarters Open Day on Friday, September 1st, the PAD rollout programme was officially launched, with the first unit being unveiled at Carmarthen Fire Station.

The launch, which was attended by MAWWFRS operational and support staff, as well as Open Day visitors, saw Chief Fire Officer Roger Thomas welcome SALC Chair, Professor Len Nokes, SALC Community Co-ordinator Marc Gower and Nick Ozzati from WAST.

During the unveiling, CFO Thomas said:

"It's a pleasure to be launching this new rollout of lifesaving PAD units at our Fire Stations. MAWWFRS Fire Stations are known as community landmarks and are strategically located throughout the communities we serve to maximise fire cover and protection to the public. Having 24-hour access to PADs at these selected Fire Stations will greatly improve patient outcomes in the event of a cardiac arrest."

I know that some of our crew members have first-hand experience of using a PAD and how effective they can be, with firefighters from Pontarddulais Fire Station recently using a defibrillator on a casualty."

SALC Chair, Professor Len Nokes said:

"I am delighted that Save a Life Cymru has set up a new partnership with Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service to ensure that communities within the Service's area will have improved 24/7 access to lifesaving defibrillators."

I must thank Nick Ozzati who initially identified the stations that would benefit from a free Welsh Government community PAD."

This is also an excellent opportunity for me to introduce Marc Gower, Save a Life Cymru's new Community Co-ordinator, to the region. As with this partnership, Marc's role is to work with organisations and communities across the region to coordinate and manage Public Access Defibrillator installations. He is also responsible for supporting the PAD registration process on The Circuit - the national defibrillator network - to ensure that defibrillators are known and available to the 999 emergency call takers, to help those who suffer a cardiac arrest."

The rollout of PAD units at MAWWFRS Fire Stations will continue over the coming months. Defibrillators are simple and safe to use, with no training required to operate one. Once activated, it will tell you exactly what to do and when and how to deliver a safe shock. When you dial 999, the call taker will instruct you on where the nearest registered defibrillator is located and a code to open the cabinet if required.

A cardiac arrest is when a person's heart stops pumping blood around their body and they stop breathing normally, whereas a heart attack is when one of the coronary arteries becomes blocked, the heart muscle is then robbed of its vital bloody supply and if left untreated, it will begin to die due to lack of oxygen. Learn more on the differences between a heart attack and a cardiac arrest on the British Heart Foundation's website.

A heart attack and a cardiac arrest are both emergency situations – always call 999 straight away.

MAWWFRS is pleased to be developing its partnerships with SALC and WAST to improve access to PAD units across its Service area and to increase the public's understanding of defibrillators and their importance. Increasing the number of 24-hour access defibrillators at MAWWFRS Fire Stations will improve the Service's community safety provision and patient outcomes in the event of a cardiac arrest.



BUSINESS FIRE SAFETY

At this time of year many businesses will be preparing for the Christmas period and may also be impacted by the cost-of-living crisis. It's important that businesses consider the risk of fire in any changes they make and ensure all staff are aware of fire safety in the workplace.

For more information on Business Fire Safety, visit: [Business Fire Safety - Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service \(mawwfire.gov.uk\)](#)



CHIMNEY FIRE SAFETY WEEK

4th - 10th September 2023

In the last 12 months, MAWWFRS has responded to 104 chimney fires.

Chimney fires are commonly started due to an accumulation of soot and can cause extensive damage and in some cases, a danger to life. Most chimney fires are preventable and regular inspection and cleaning of chimney flues will help prevent fires within them.

For more information visit: [Chimneys, Open Fires and Wood Burning Stoves - Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service \(mawwfire.gov.uk\)](#)



DON'T DRINK AND DROWN WEEK

18th - 24th September 2023

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS) are encouraging students to stay safe and clear of open waters this new university term.

For more information on RLSS UK's Don't Drink and Drown campaign, visit [Don't Drink and Drown Week 18th-24th September 2023 \(mawwfire.gov.uk\)](#)



FIRE DOOR SAFETY WEEK

25th – 29th September 2023

Fire doors are a critical element in preventing the spread of fire and smoke, and it should be everybody's responsibility to make sure that they are fit for purpose. If you suspect the building you're living in, working in, or visiting has a faulty fire door? Don't walk by, report it to whoever manages or owns the building. You could save a life that day.

For more information on Fire door Safety please visit [Fire Door Safety](#).



STUDENT FIRE SAFETY WEEK

25th September – 1st October 2023

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS) are supporting Student Fire Safety week by encouraging students to consider fire safety in their new accommodation.

For more information about Student Fire Safety please visit our [website](#).



AUTUMN SAFETY

As the leaves start changing colour and falling from trees, we are reminded that the nights will soon start drawing in faster and temperatures will start getting cooler. We want you and your family to enjoy the fresh Autumn weather while avoiding some of the potential risks that come with the season.

Corporate Head of Community Risk Management Peter Greenslade said:
"We want our community to consider our safety tips for the coming months. A change in season indicates changes in the environment and a heightened risk of serious harm to people and property. We want to ensure that we do all that we can to help highlight dangers you may face and how you can reduce those risks through some simple actions."

For more information, advice or guidance please visit our Autumn Safety Campaign on our [website](#).





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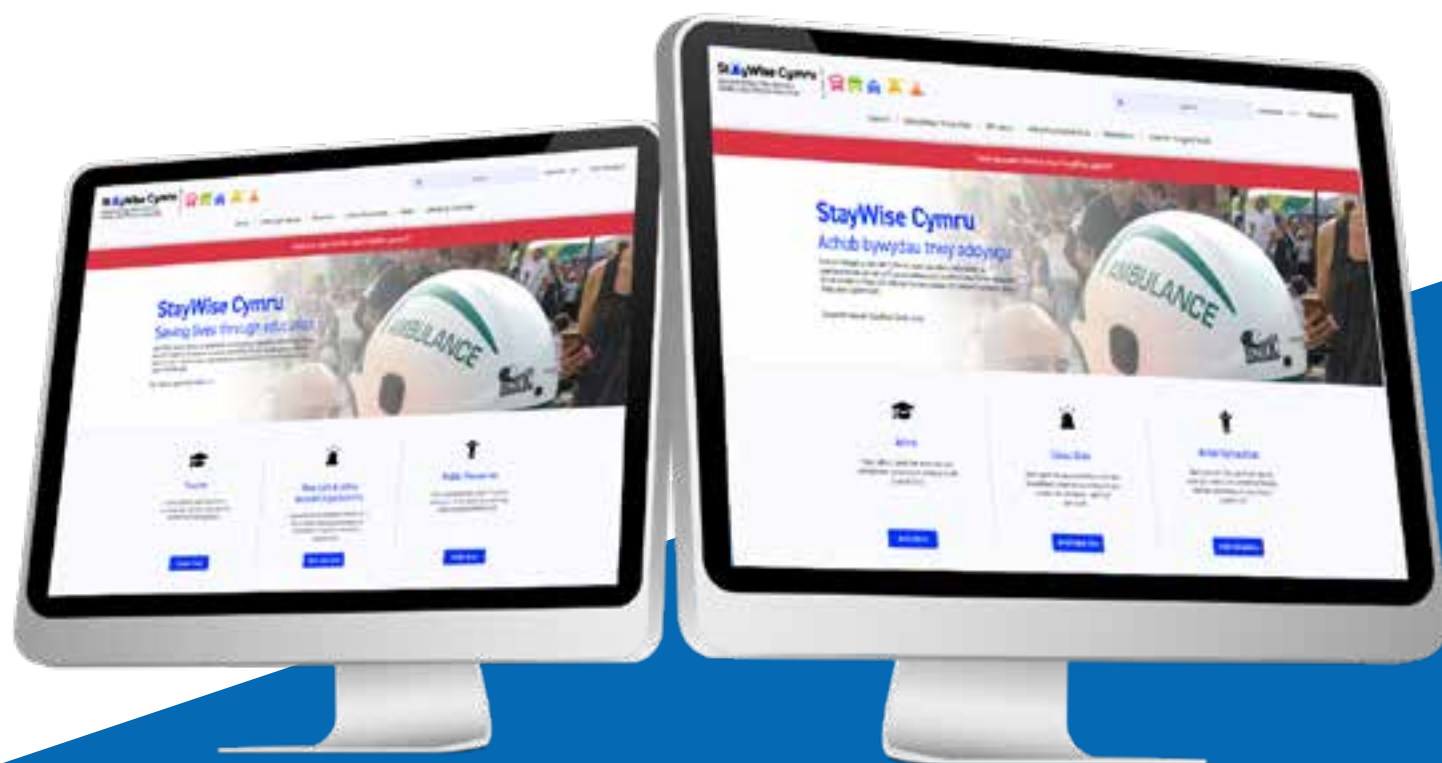
PLAN YOUR EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH SESSIONS OR REMOTE DELIVERY USING STAYWISECYMRU

StayWiseCymru is a free learning platform with resources aimed at children and young people.

StayWiseCymru hosts free downloadable resources with a range of safety themes and lessons centred around Emergency Services and Safety Charities. These resources are available for educators, blue light users and public use.

StayWiseCymru will have everything you need to plan educational sessions. All resources will be linked to the new Welsh Curriculum, be available in Welsh and English and will reduce teachers time in developing sessions.

www.StayWisecymru.co.uk can be accessed with MS Edge or Google Chrome.



EVENTS

STATION CAR WASHES

Port Talbot Car Wash - 29 September

Haverfordwest Car Wash - 1 October

SURVEY

HAVE YOUR SAY! HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF YOUR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE!

Did you know that Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service cover almost 12,000 square kilometres – almost two-thirds of Wales. The Service is responsible for providing public safety information, prevention and protection programmes, and emergency response cover for the mid and west Wales area.

We would love to hear your thoughts on what your expectations are of the Service, as well as what matters to you and what you think we should prioritise. So, why not get involved in the debate and share your opinions on the value you place on the services we provide and what we should do to protect them?

Your help and support are appreciated and completing this survey, will help us to gather information on the communities we engage with, which will assist us in

tailoring our services appropriately, enabling us to provide the best possible service to the communities we serve.

The form is anonymous and confidential, so you will not be identified by any information given. If you would like this questionnaire in a different language/format, please contact us on 0370 6060699.

We recognise that listening to your views is crucial if the Service is to continue to deliver an effective, efficient, and improved service to keep you and your families safe. Get involved in the debate by sharing your opinions and views on the future of your Fire and Rescue Service. To find out more and take part in our online survey please visit our website www.mawwfire.gov.uk Thank you for your support and participation.





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MORE THAN JUST FIRES

Shortlist

GWOBRAU 2023 AWARDS

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE SHORTLIST FOR THE MORE THAN JUST FIRES AWARDS 2023.

This year, we received a record-breaking number of nominations, and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you that took the time to nominate your colleagues - your participation will make this year's awards truly special.

More Than Just Fires 2023 will be held on Friday, 10th of November at The Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells. It promises to be a night filled with excitement, recognition, and celebration of the outstanding contributions made by our dedicated teams.

Without further ado, here is the shortlist for the More Than Just Fires Awards 2023:

Team of the Year Award

- Trauma Risk Management Team (TRIM)
- Joint Fire Control Team
- Estates Team

Volunteer of the Year Award

- Leanne Griffiths
- Aron Curtis
- Joanne Owen

Community and Partnership Award

- Northern Division Business Fire Safety Team
- Seamus Doyle
- Pembroke Dock Fire Station

Charity Champion Award

- Watch Manager Carl Williams
- Yr Her Fawr (Le Jog)
- Llandeilo Station

Sports and Social Club Award

- Eddie Williams - Bowls
- Flaming Fierce - Rounders
- Service Rugby Team

Young Achiever of the Year Award

- Macy Bennett
- Arianna Protheroe

Outstanding Contribution Award

- Watch Manager Phillip Barry
- Station Manager Hannah Lodder-Rodda
- Station Manager Robert Tovey

Western Station of the Year Award

- Tenby
- Carmarthen
- Haverfordwest

Southern Station of the Year Award

- Pontardulais
- Cymmer
- Pontardawe

Northern Station of the Year Award

- Aberystwyth
- Machynlleth
- Presteigne

Chief Fire Officer's Bravery Award

- Firefighter Liam Davies & Firefighter Jonathan Carter
- Crew Manager Lee Murray
- Firefighter John Griffiths & Fire Fighter Rhys Tall

Congratulations to all the shortlisted nominees!

Your dedication, hard work, and exceptional contributions have not gone unnoticed.

Once again, thank you to everyone who participated in the nomination process. Your support and recognition is what makes More Than Just Fires possible.

Any queries regarding this event, please contact Linsey Perry at l.perry@mawwfire.gov.uk



WORK WITH US!

When people think of a career in the Fire and Rescue Service, they tend to think of Firefighters responding to emergency incidents, but it's not just Firefighters who make mid and west Wales a safer place.

Behind the operational scene, the Service has a large range of other posts within different departments which are either office based or in our workshops, and we employ people in professional, technical, and administrative roles.

Benefits

- Competitive rates of pay - recently reviewed to ensure fairness across all roles; with annual increments to the top of your salary band, as you build knowledge and experience.
- Local Government Pension scheme - A generous pension scheme, with the Service making a substantial contribution (currently 15.2%) to funding your retirement, as well as the option to increase your benefits by purchasing additional pension or investing in Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVC).
- Generous Annual leave - 26 Days plus bank holidays, going up to 33 days after 5 years employment.
- Flexi Scheme - Opportunity to flex your working hours to help accommodate life outside of work.
- Access to Blue Light Card discount scheme
- Car Leasing Salary Sacrifice scheme
- Let's Connect IT equipment loan scheme
- Subsidised canteen facilities
- Sports and Social Club
- Firefighters Charity
- Free on-site parking
- Cycle to Work scheme
- Staff Discount scheme
- Health and Wellbeing

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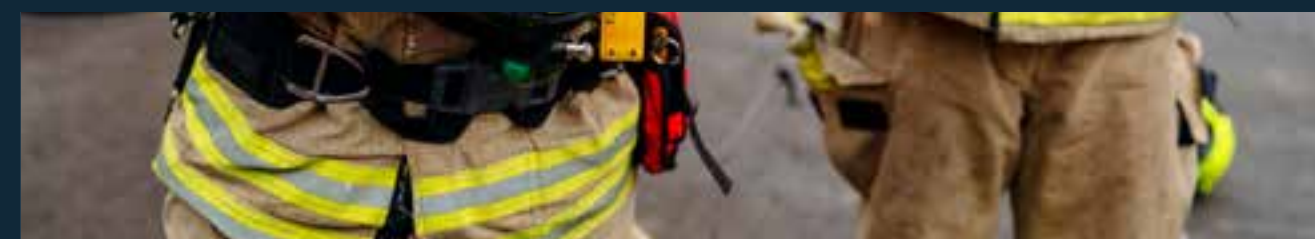


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