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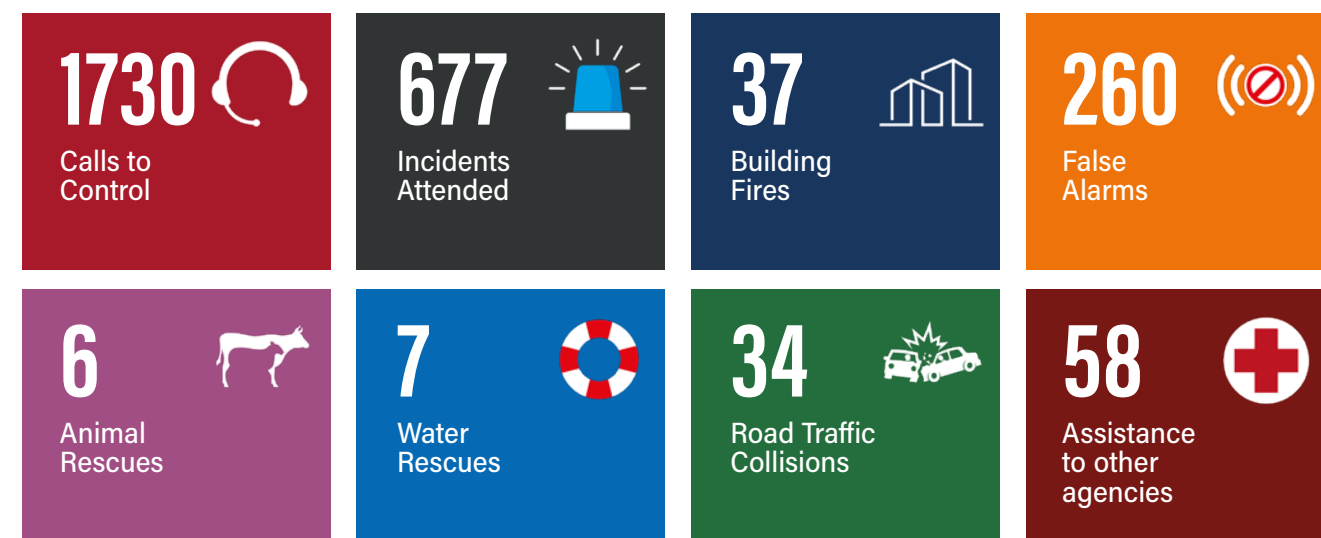
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CAMPAIGNS

KEEPING YOU SAFE THIS SUMMER!

Summer is finally here and at Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service we are ready with some essential safety advice to ensure that you enjoy a safe Summer.

The warmer weather provides us with the perfect opportunity to venture out and enjoy the local countryside or beaches. Whether you've planned a staycation with your family or friends, or simply making the most of the sunshine in your garden, we have all the tips you'll need to make it safe!

Visit our website for some essential safety tips this summer from BBQ safety, water safety and much more - [Summer Safety - Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service \(mawwfire.gov.uk\)](#)

Also, follow us on our Social Media channels for more safety messages. [Twitter - @mawwfire](#), [Facebook - @mawwfire](#) and [Instagram - mawwfire_rescue](#)

Corporate Head of Community Risk Management - Peter Greenslade said:

"Mid & West Wales Service area has some fantastic locations to spend your summer with our vast coastline and National Parks. We want you to enjoy the outdoors and explore what mid and west Wales has to offer so keeping you and your family safe is key to ensure that we all have a great summer"



WELSH FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGE 2023 - A ROARING SUCCESS!

On June 3rd, Firefighters from across the UK, Germany and Kuwait gathered in Swansea City Centre to take part in the [Welsh Firefighter Challenge](#), which is part of the regional race of the [British Firefighter Challenge](#). These events raise important funds for [The Fire Fighters Charity](#) which supports the mental and physical health needs of the UK Fire Family.

Each contestant was dressed in full structural firefighting kit and took part in a series of physical challenges designed to test their strength, agility, and stamina, along with showcasing their firefighting skills to the crowds of spectators. There was a total of 8 challenges that had to be completed in full, in the fastest time to win the race, and consisted of a 50m run, dummy drag, container carry and more.

Alongside the firefighter challenges, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS)

hosted a 'Community Safety Village' along Oxford Street, where members of the public could access free safety advice and information from a variety of partnership organisations. Those that joined us on the day were: [South Wales Police](#), [Wales Safer Communities Network](#), [Guide Dogs Cymru](#), [Swansea Neighbourhood Watch](#), [RNLI](#), [Swansea Council for Voluntary Service](#), [Swansea Council](#), [Welsh Ambulance Services Trust](#) and [Swansea Council's Young People Service](#).

The City Centre was alive with spectators throughout the entire day, the sun was shining and there was a real sense of community spirit in the air, with lots of cheering, chatter, and happy faces.

We'd like to say a big thank you to all that got involved and joined us on the day. We would also like to thank the event organisers; Dominic Norcross and his team, Gwenda Jenkins for co-ordinating the Community Safety Village and special thanks to MAWWFRS Fire Cadets who worked tirelessly throughout the day, re-setting the course after each challenge, as well as taking part in some of the races as well!



Chief Fire Officer Roger Thomas said:

"The Welsh Firefighter Challenge was a highly anticipated day for all, and I am delighted to say that it did not disappoint! There was a great sense of community throughout the entire day, from the cheers of encouragement supporting the firefighters taking part in the competition, to the Community Safety Village where partners came together to promote a wide range of community engagement by offering free information and advice. Not only was the day a chance to promote physical fitness, wellbeing, and teamwork but we also raised vital funds and awareness for The Firefighter Charity."

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended and got involved in making the Welsh Firefighter Challenge the huge success it was."

The day was a huge success, and we look forward to next year.



STAYWISECYMRU LAUNCHES AT THE EISTEDDFOD YR URDD

On 30th May 2023 Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service launched a brand-new educational platform – StayWiseCymru at the Eisteddfod yr Urdd.

On the day we welcomed many of our partner agencies to join us in launching the free learning platform which has many resources aimed at children and young people.

The website 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 needed 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.

The National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) leads on the partnership behind StayWiseCymru, Chris Bigland, NFCC's Lead for Education, and StayWiseCymru Programme Director said:

"StayWiseCymru is committed to saving lives through education. By working together with our partners, we have produced a consistent learning resource that educators from across the community can use with confidence, whether they're teachers, home-schooling, or emergency service staff and volunteers."

Chair of StayWiseCymru Strategic Group, Peter Greenslade said:

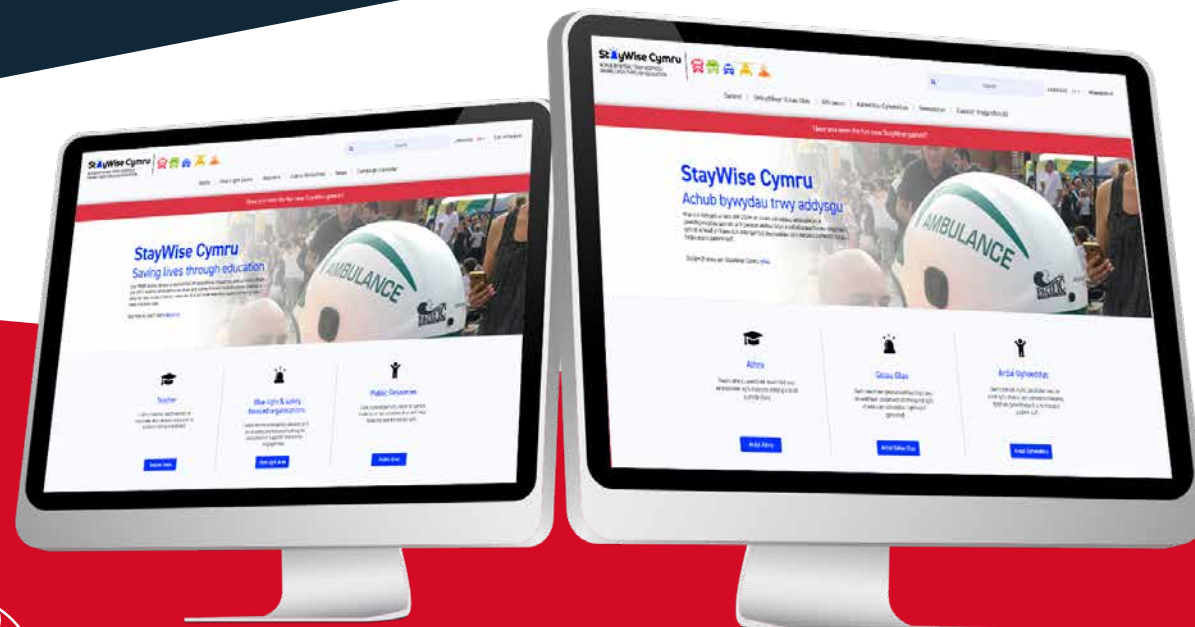
"Working together with other Emergency Services has enabled us to provide effective safety resources for educators across Wales, ensuring that children and young people are receiving preventative messages on how to keep themselves safe."

The StayWiseCymru website is easy to use – just select an age group, subject, or theme, and you will find a collection of resources to keep students busy.

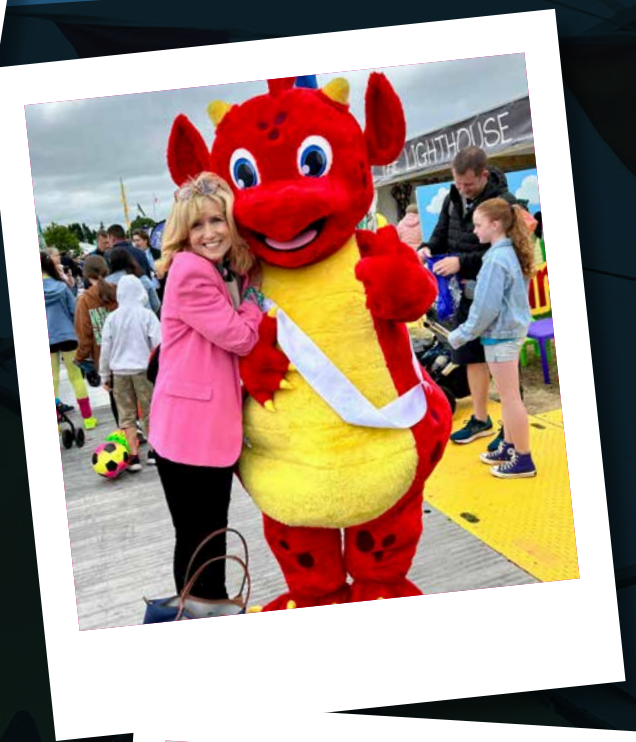
For all the information you need visit:
www.staywisecymru.co.uk

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SAVING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION



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STATION NEWS

TRAINING EXERCISE AT AMMANFORD STATION

Back in May, the Ammanford crew held a decontamination training exercise at LSN Diffusion in Ammanford.

The purpose of the training exercise, which involved Wholetime and On-Call Firefighters from Ammanford Fire Station, was to establish dry decontamination and to progress interim procedures. As well as the good weather, the crew was fortunate enough to be joined by the NFCC Mass Decontamination Unit Instructor, Lee Butler.

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service crews continually organise and attend a variety of training exercises such as this one to refresh and develop their emergency response knowledge to keep our communities safe.



STATION NEWS

PAYING A VISIT TO RETIRED FIREFIGHTER, ELWYN JONES

On Tuesday, May 30th, the on-call crew from Newtown Fire Station paid Elwyn Jones a visit, following his request to see a fire truck again.

The crew took two of their fire trucks and had the opportunity to meet and chat with Elwyn, his family and carers. Having spent over 20 years working as a firefighter, Elwyn had plenty of stories to tell the crew on his experience.

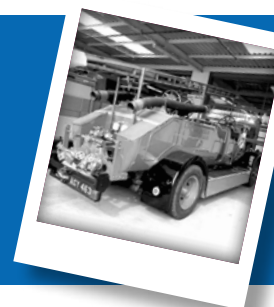
Elwyn joined the Denbighshire and Montgomeryshire Joint Fire Service at the former Newtown Station in 1948 at 18 years old.

Elwyn is seen in the bottom right photograph, taken in 1952, on the far left in the front row.



SERVICE MEMORIES

If you have any old photographs, videos or memories of Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service you'd like to share, please send them to us at pressofficer@mawwfire.gov.uk



SPORTS AND SOCIAL

OUR NEW SPORTS AND SOCIAL ROUNDERS CLUB - "FLAMING FIERCE"

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS) Sports and Social Rounders club "Flaming Fierce" have had a busy couple of months!

The new Rounders team that formed in April this year is made up of Operational, Corporate Risk, Business Fire Safety and Community Fire Safety members of the Service staff. Every Sunday throughout the summer the team meet at Ysgol Brombill in Port Talbot to compete in matches against different league teams.

To date they have had great success and defeated teams such as Batitudes, Games of Throws, Aces of Bases, Untouchaballs and more. Flaming Fierce currently sit at the top of the league and have broke records for the largest number of rounders this year!

Go team, let's hope you keep on smashing it!

The Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Rounders 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.

To join the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Rounders Section, which is part of the Sports and Social Club please email Jenny Davies, jenny.davies@mawwfire.gov.uk for further information.



CLWB CHWARAEON A CHYMDEITHASU
SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

**Dewch i ymuno
HEDDIW
Become a member
TODAY**

I gael rhagor o wybodaeth am y Clwb Chwaraeon a Chymdeithasol, anfonwch neges e-bost

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.

NEW CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR FOR MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY



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A new Chair and Deputy Chair have been elected to lead Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority over the next two municipal years.

At the Fire Authority's Annual General Meeting on Monday, June 12th, 2023, Councillor Gwynfor Thomas of Powys was elected Chair and Councillor John Davies of Pembrokeshire was elected Deputy Chair.



GWYNFOR THOMAS

Commenting on his appointment as Fire Authority Chair, Councillor Thomas said:

"I am thrilled to have been appointed Chair of the Fire Authority. I look forward to the task of providing good governance to an emergency service that so deserves it, which will in turn provide the communities it serves with a service and the protection that can be trusted and relied upon."



JOHN DAVIES

On his appointment as Fire Authority Deputy Chair, Councillor Davies said:

"It is a privilege and an honour to serve as Deputy Chair of such a highly regarded and trusted emergency service. I will endeavour, along with the Chair, to support the values and objectives that deliver at the hour of need."



STAFF NEWS

MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ATTENDS CORONATION

On Saturday, May 6th, the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla took place at Westminster Abbey, the first Coronation Service in almost 70 years. The day's celebrations involved two large ceremonial processions - The King's Procession and The Coronation Procession - through Central London.

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.

On his attendance at the Coronation, Stuart Bate said:

"It was an honour and a privilege to represent Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service at such a historical event. The organisation of the event, on the day and during rehearsals, was something to behold with such precise timings and the atmosphere was amazing."

As part of our duties, we marched onto Whitehall, led by the Royal Marines Band, and were in position as Their Majesties passed in the Diamond Jubilee Coach."



DIWRNOD AGORED OPEN DAY

**GORSAF /
PENCADLYS
CAERFYRDDIN**
Heol Llwyn Pisgwydd,
Caerfyrddin, SA31 1SP

**CARMARTHEN
STATION / HQ**
Lime Grove Avenue,
Carmarthen, SA31 1SP

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The Fire Fighters
Charity

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BBQ FOOD
LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS
FITNESS TESTS
FACE PAINTING
RAFFLE

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EVENTS

STATION OPEN DAYS

- Fishguard Open Day - 28th July
- Narberth Open Day - 25th July
- Milford Haven Open Day - 3rd Aug
- Pontardawe Open Day - 25th Aug
- HQ Open Day - 1st Sept
- Haverfordwest Open Day - 9th Sept



SAVE THE DATE

More Than Just Fires Awards 2023

This year's event will take place on Friday 10th November 2023, at The Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells and recognises the tremendous efforts made by employees of the Service, in making our communities safer places to live, work and visit.

Nominations are now open, please visit [Insight](#) to submit your nomination, and will close on Friday 1st September. *

Your nomination could make all the difference!

*Open to service staff only



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MORE THAN JUST FIRES





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