

# Princetown Local Community Plan 2014/15



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FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

“By 2014, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service (DSFRS) will be saving lives and limiting the number of injuries from preventable fires and accidents because people and communities in Devon and Somerset will be making better informed decisions about their safety and spending their time in safer buildings.

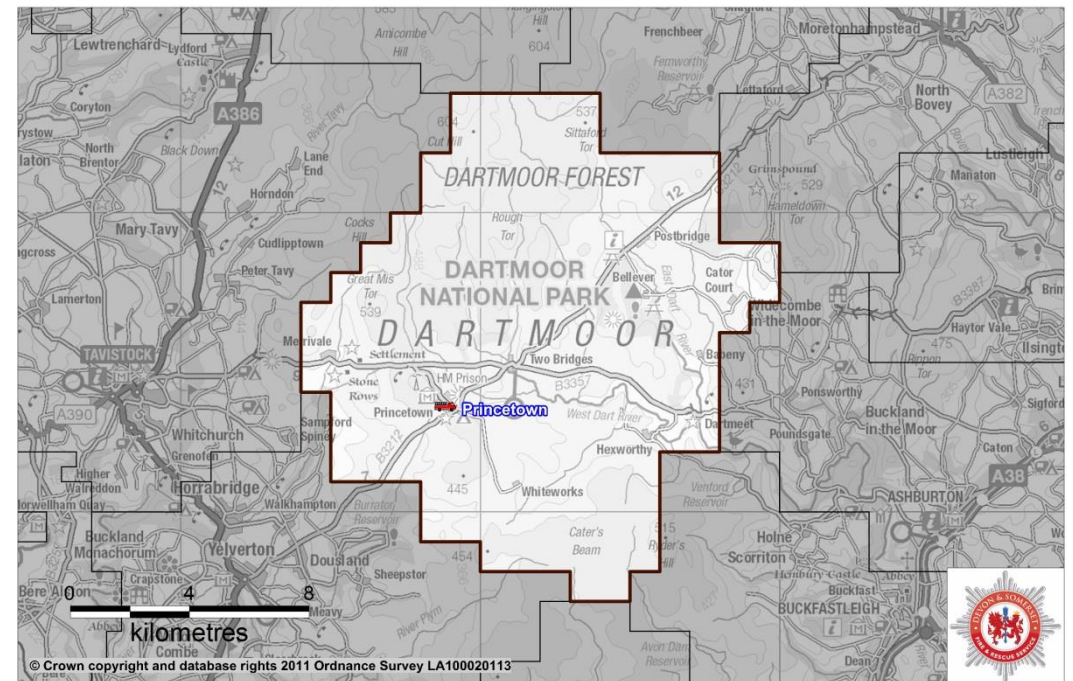
When local, regional or national incidents do occur, our emergency response teams will be sufficiently agile to deploy the skills and resources needed to deal effectively and safely with the range of challenges they face.

Our trained and qualified staff, our key partnerships and the sustainable processes they operate, will be responsive to a constantly changing environment and will be recognised as examples of good practice, as well as contributing to wider society and the DSFRS reputation for organisational excellence.”

This document sets out the activities happening in your local area to keep your community safe.

The map below outlines the location of Princetown Fire Station and its station ground. All activities mentioned in this document relate to the area below.

LCP - 56 Princetown Stn Ground



## Overview



**This plan presents the risks in your area and the actions that Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service (DSFRS) will take to make the community safer. Our actions are a mix of activities based on prevention (community), protection (business) and emergency response, all undertaken by the people that are best suited for each activity.**

**This plan links into our strategy '[Towards 2014](#)' which says we will:**

- **Work with people, communities, businesses and partners to make Devon and Somerset a safer place to live work and visit**
- **Respond to local, regional and national emergencies with the appropriate skills and resources**
- **Work hard to be an excellent organisation**

Princetown Fire Station is a Retained Fire station, located in the centre of the Dartmoor national Park, and covers the towns and villages of Princetown, Huccaby, Hexworthy and Postbridge. It is located within the Lydford Ward of West Devon Borough Council. It covers an area of approximately 205 square kilometres and has a population of almost 1700 people.

The Watch Manager has overall responsibility for the station. The Fire Station houses one fire fighting appliance and a co-responder vehicle. The station is crewed by on call staff under the retained duty system requiring 14 personnel – one Watch Manager, three Crew Managers and ten Firefighters. Staff are the main asset in undertaking a range of Community Safety activities, which are primarily aimed at equipping people with the knowledge to be aware of their own ability to reduce the chances of them becoming involved in a preventable fire or other types of emergency.

Specific risks in the station area include:

- The designated special risk premises of HM Prison Dartmoor, a Category C training prison, housing approximately 680 prisoners.
- Light industry comprising small business complexes and a brewery
- Large expanses of rural areas, which during the Hot weather periods can bring a heavy burden on the resources of the Service
- 68 buildings which Fire Safety legislation applies including schools, hotels and shops; 3 of which are high risk
- Transport infrastructure – the minor roads running through the area bring with them the normal

hazards of Road Traffic Collisions and an increased risk during the holiday period and inclement weather.

- A large number of rural premises are in areas of limited water supply and can be difficult to access during times of inclement weather. A number of the properties in the area are also listed status and some have thatch roofs.

**Below is the Watch Manager in charge at this station.**



Watch Manager Melle - On call

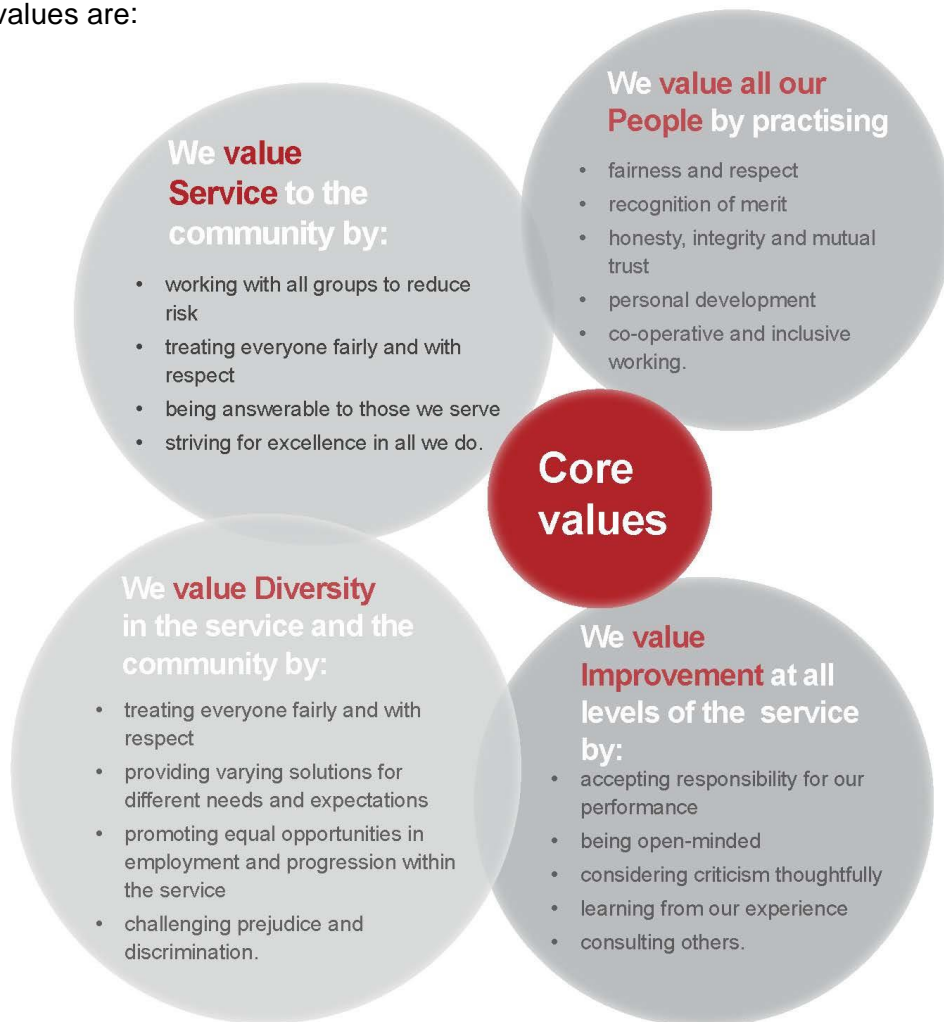
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[www.dsfire.gov.uk/yoursafety](http://www.dsfire.gov.uk/yoursafety)

## Our behaviour and values

High standards of behaviour are required and staff are expected to demonstrate the nationally developed Core Values for the Fire and Rescue Service. Our core values are:



The core values are currently being reviewed; the revised version will be communicated shortly. To see our detailed Equality Commitment Statement, click [here](#).

## Risk

To understand how we can best use our public resources we analyse community risk and identify who would benefit most from our services. This assures that we also remain as cost effective as possible and continue to provide value for money. The following groups of people have been identified as high risk by using a database (Experian MOSAIC):

### Residents of isolated rural communities

#### Key Risks

- This group have an above average likelihood of having a Chimney Fire. This is because of the lack of access to mains gas in the rural areas in which these households are located
- This group have an above average likelihood of being killed or seriously injured in a road traffic collision.

### Residents of small and mid-sized towns with strong local roots

#### Key Risks

- This group have an above average likelihood of having a Chimney Fire. This is because of the lack of access to mains gas in the rural areas in which these households are located




### Residents with sufficient incomes in right-to-buy social houses

#### Key Risks

- This group have a higher than average likelihood of being killed or serious injured in a road traffic collision.


## Prevention Activities

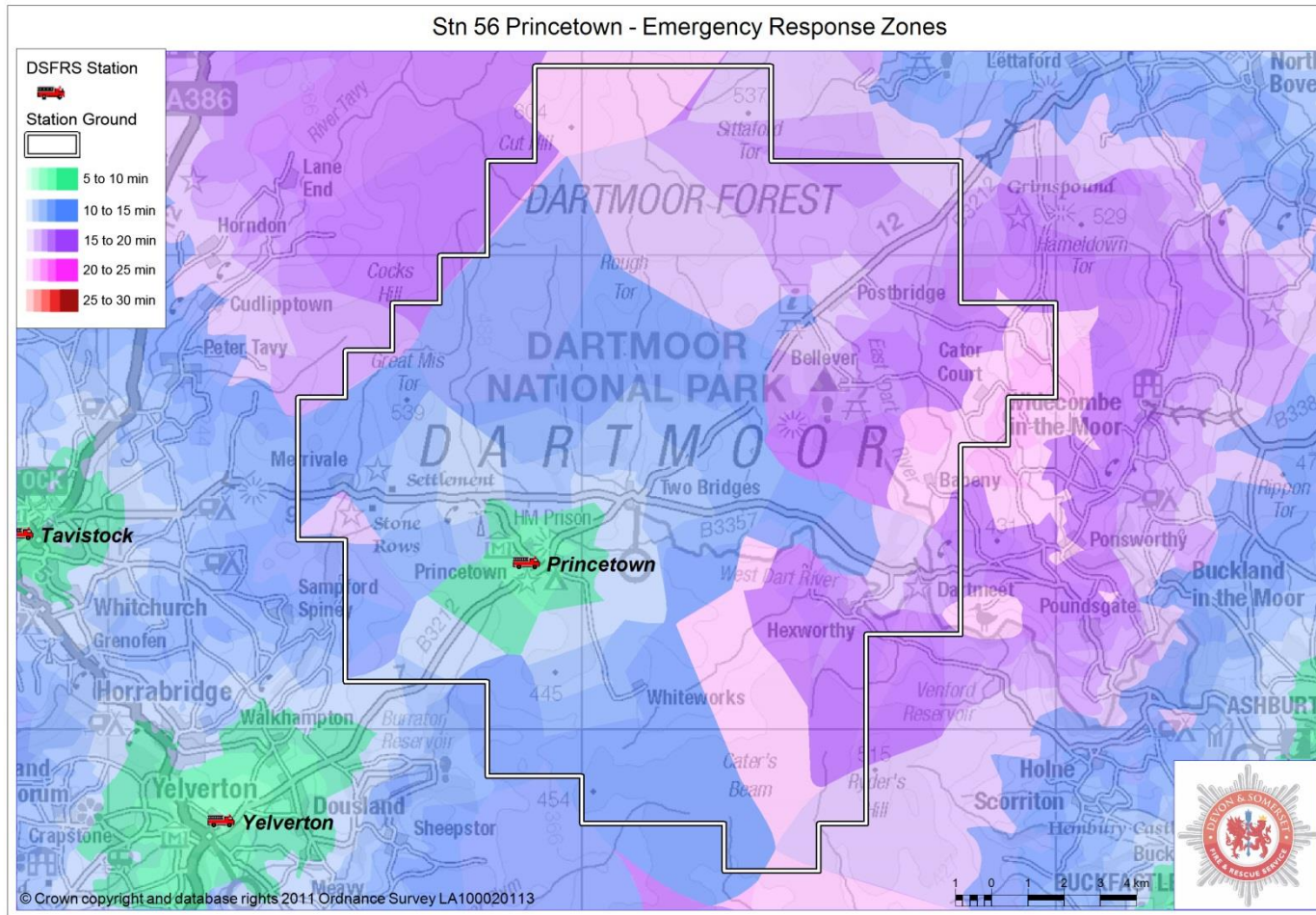
Our prevention activities are those we undertake to try and stop an emergency happening in the first place. These are targeted based on our community risk profiles, operational intelligence and where our partners and members of our communities request and it is in line with our local identified need. The prevention activities we will undertake in this local area are:

What we do		Description	Number of events undertaken in 2012/13	Number of events planned for Princetown 2014/15	Further information/contacts
	<b>Home fire safety visits</b>	Standard HFSV will be carried out where a partner agency has referred a member of our community whom is in one of the identified "at risk" groups. The group risk profile can be found at <a href="http://www.dsfire.gov.uk">www.dsfire.gov.uk</a>	6	100%	Our target will be to complete 100% of referrals received in the Princetown area within the centrally set timescales
	<b>RTC reduction</b>	Any event designed to reduce the number of casualties in Road Traffic Collisions and anti - social driving this can include all road safety initiatives such as speed watch and drive safe.	0	1	
	<b>Hot strike</b>	Following an incident, operational crews will deliver fire safety leaflets to neighbouring properties.	0	100%	Our target will be to carry out a hot strike at all property fires and on other occasions where there is opportunity

## Protection activities

Our protection activities are those we undertake to ensure people are protected from fire in public buildings and those we work in and visit. The protection activities we will undertake in this local area are:

What we do		Description	Number of events undertaken in 2012/13	Number of events planned for Princetown 2014/15	Further information/contacts
	<b>Fire safety check</b>	A Fire Safety Check allows our staff to conduct a simple check of fire safety standards in a premise, and to identify if a more detailed fire safety audit needs to be carried out. For a Fire Safety Check, the inspector would typically spend 20-30 minutes at the premises. If a Fire Safety Check were to highlight fire safety deficiencies, the premises would be referred to the Group Support Team so that a Fire Safety Audit could be completed.	5	10	



The map opposite shows an estimate of how long the fire engine will take to reach residents in Princetown from the time they make the call. Those further away from the station should expect a slower response than those closer to it.

Citizens of Princetown should take the following precautions to help keep them safe from fire:

- Fit a working smoke alarm
- Take care when cooking and never leave cooking food unattended
- Plan and practise your escape route
- Make a bedtime check
- Don't overload your electrics
- Put cigarettes right out
- Use candles carefully
- Have your chimney swept regularly

#### Station resources

##### Appliances:

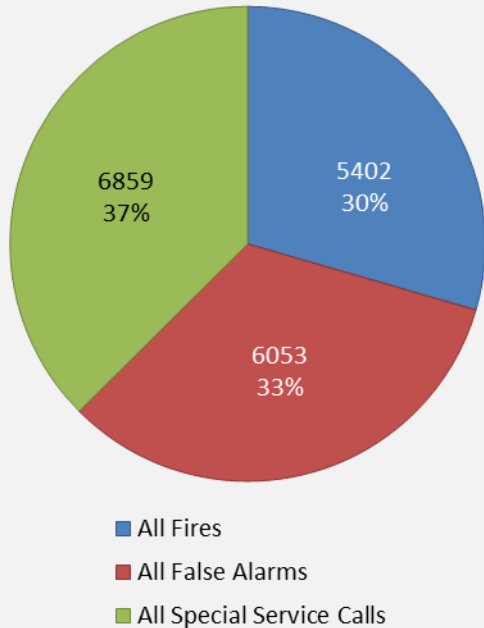
- 1 x Fire Appliance
- 1 x Co-responder

##### Establishment:

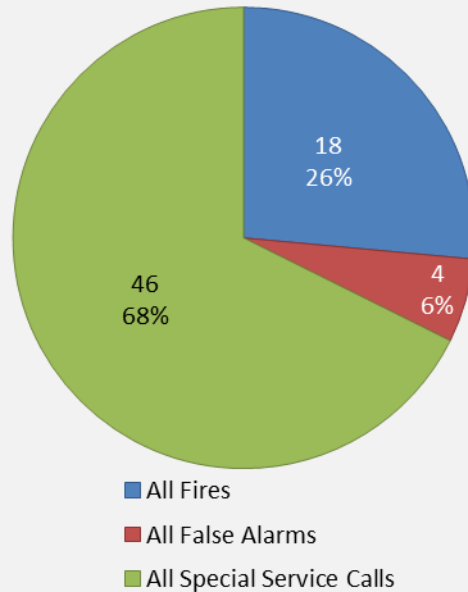
- 14 x Retained

## Number of and type of incidents

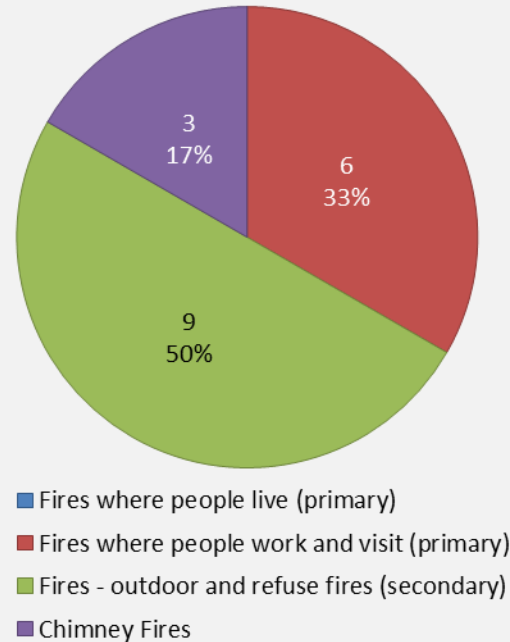
All Devon & Somerset: Number & percentage of incidents by type.  
Four year average (2009/10 - 2012/13)



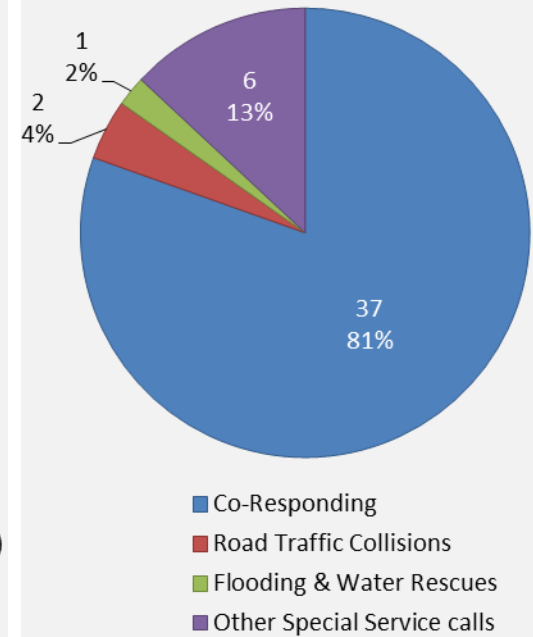
Princetown: Number & percentage of incidents by type.  
Four year average (2009/10 - 2012/13)



Princetown: All fires by type.  
Four year average (2009/10 - 2012/13)



Princetown: Special Service Calls by type.  
Four year average (2009/10 - 2012/13)



### Number of fire deaths and injuries from 2009/10 to 2012/13

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	4 year average
Fire Deaths where people live	0	0	0	0	0
Fire Injuries where people live	0	0	0	0	0
Fire Incidents where people live	1	0	0	0	0
Fire Deaths where people work & visit	0	0	0	0	0
Fire Injuries where people work & visit	0	0	0	0	0
Fire Incidents where people work & visit	6	7	8	2	7

### Station Availability

In the 12 months from April 2012 to March 2013 the station reported a fire engine unavailable through the availability system (Gartan)		
	Hours Unavailable	% Hours Availability
Fire Engine 1 Retained	1183.25	86.5%