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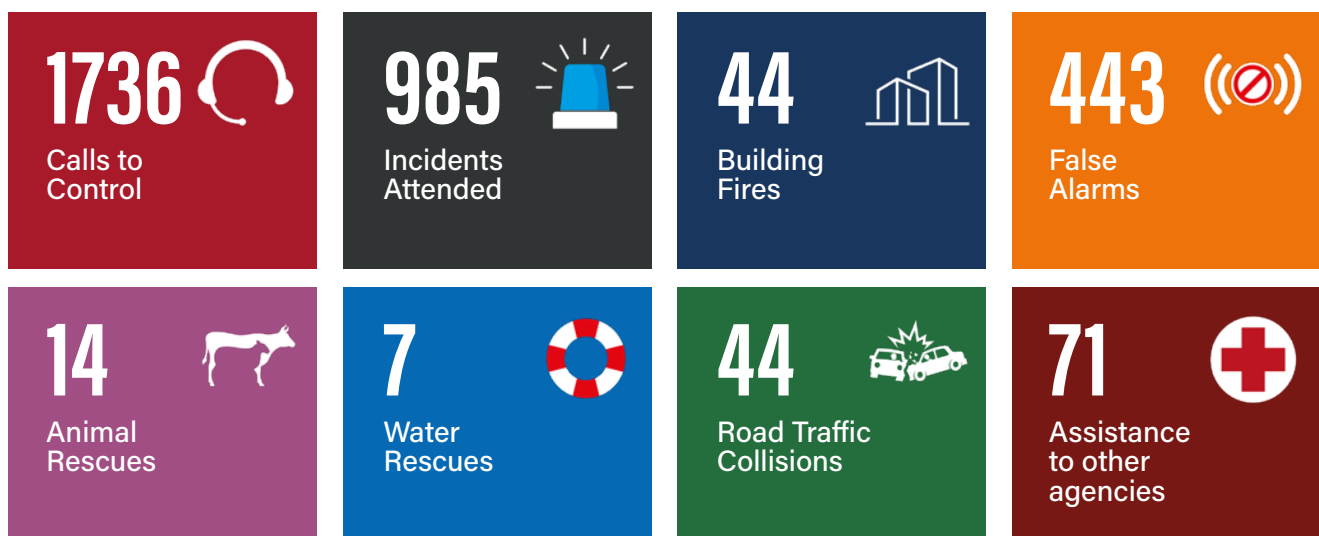
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Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service is responsible for providing emergency response cover to nearly 12,000 square kilometers - almost two-thirds of Wales.

Here's what kept us busy last month:



MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE INTRODUCES PERIOD DIGNITY PRODUCTS IN THE WORKPLACE

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS) is proud to announce the introduction of [Grace & Green](#) Period Dignity products in all female toilet facilities across the organisation, ensuring that every staff member has access to essential period products while at work.

Joining Grace & Green's Period Dignity scheme and contributing towards greater inclusion and awareness around menstruation comes as 1 in 5 women in the UK struggle to access period products, with 85% of working women in the UK reporting stress or anxiety when managing their period at work.

This initiative reflects MAWWFRS's commitment to dignity, wellbeing, equality and sustainability in the workplace. We recognise that unexpected or unplanned periods can cause stress or discomfort, and this initiative is designed to offer reassurance and practical support when it's needed.

We will continue to explore new ways to support our people and embed a culture rooted in respect, dignity, and fairness. Our focus is on shaping a future where every member of MAWWFRS feels valued and empowered.



30TH ANNIVERSARY

BEYOND THE CALL: 30 YEARS TOGETHER

2026 marks the 30th anniversary of Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS). Formed when the Dyfed, Powys and West Glamorgan Fire Brigades came together, the Service has spent three decades working as one to help keep our communities safe.

To mark this milestone, this November, we will come together to host a special one-off recognition event, **Beyond the Call: 30 Years Together** – an evening dedicated to recognising the individuals, teams, volunteers and partners who have helped shape and strengthen our Service and communities.

Submit your recognitions now and help us celebrate the people who make a real difference >>

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FIRE CADETS

OUR FUTURE: CELEBRATING FFION'S JOURNEY FROM FIRE CADET TO CADET INSTRUCTOR VOLUNTEER

Fire Cadets is an exciting youth engagement programme offering young people the opportunity to engage with Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS) and gain credible life skills they can use in the workplace.

During Volunteer week (1-7 June), Gorseinon Fire Cadets celebrated a proud milestone as Cadet Ffion Wilson marked her 18th birthday and stepped into a brand new role as a Cadet Instructor Volunteer.

Ffion first joined the cadets at 13 years old, quickly becoming a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the team. At 15, she progressed to Graduate Cadet, continuing to build her skills, confidence, and passion for the Fire and Rescue Service.

Now, transitioning into volunteering, Ffion embodies exactly what MAWWFRS Cadets and Volunteer Scheme is designed to achieve: inspiring young people, developing future talent, and creating a pathway into the Service.

Ffion's next goal is already in sight - applying to join the On-Call crew at Gorseinon Fire Station.



**We wish Ffion a very Happy
18th Birthday and all the best
of luck for her future.**



EXPERIENCE DAYS



FIREFIGHTER EXPERIENCE DAYS

In early June, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service hosted two Experience Days for anyone interested in a career in the Fire Service.

Held at Newtown and Haverfordwest Fire Stations, the sessions gave people a chance to explore the wide range of roles within the Service and understand what the Firefighter recruitment process involves.

Across the day, attendees joined short talks and Q&A sessions on career pathways, fitness requirements for Firefighters, and the important work carried out by our support staff.

There was also plenty of hands-on activity, including ladder drills and equipment handling, so participants could get a feel for the practical and physical side of the role.



[VIEW OUR NEXT EXPERIENCE DAYS](#)



COULD YOU BE AN ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER?

It's a great way to serve your community, learn new skills, and be part of a supportive team, all alongside your existing job, studies, or family life.

- **Make a real difference in your local area**
- **Earn while you learn, with training and development provided**
- **Build confidence and teamwork through varied, rewarding work**

Interested? Keep an eye on our website and social media for On-Call recruitment opportunities.

FIND OUT MORE



FIREFIGHTERS COMPETE IN THE WELSH FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGE 2026

On Saturday, June 6th, Firefighters from across the UK gathered in Swansea to compete in the Welsh Firefighter Challenge, held at the Swansea Arena.

Hosted annually by Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS), the Welsh Firefighter Challenge brings together Firefighters from across the United Kingdom and overseas to take on a series of demanding physical and mental tests - all completed in full fire kit.

The event featured a Safety Village, organised by MAWWFRS's Community Safety Team and included a variety of partner agencies, including the Welsh Ambulance Service, the British Red Cross, Mountain Rescue, the RNLI and more.

Supporting the event were the Fire Cadets from Seven Sisters Fire Station, who worked tirelessly to reset the course between each race throughout the day. Despite the challenging weather conditions, the Cadets demonstrated great enthusiasm, dedication and teamwork.

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TRAINING EXERCISE AT FOLLY FARM

On Wednesday, June 3rd, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS) crews from Narberth and Whitland held a training exercise at Folly Farm Adventure Park and Zoo.

Exercise Folly saw crews respond to a simulated fire within a workshop on site, with reports of a person trapped inside. The Breathing Apparatus exercise provided a valuable opportunity for Firefighters to operate in a realistic environment, testing both their technical skills and decision-making under pressure.

Dyfed-Powys Police and staff from Folly Farm also took part, reinforcing the importance of effective multi-agency collaboration.

Training exercises like this are essential in ensuring crews are fully prepared to respond to real emergencies, where every second counts. By recreating complex and high-risk scenarios in a controlled setting, Firefighters are able to practise critical procedures, develop confidence and learn from experience without the consequences of a live incident.

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MAJOR INCIDENT TRAINING EXERCISE HELD AT ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY

A major multi agency training exercise took place at [Aberystwyth University](#) on Tuesday, June 16th, involving Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS), [Dyfed Powys Police](#), the [Welsh Ambulance Service](#), the [Local Resilience Forum](#) and participating University students.

Representing MAWWFRS were Wholetime and On Call Firefighters from Aberystwyth Fire Station, supported by Control Room Operators at the Joint Fire Control Centre in Bridgend.

The training exercise simulated a high pressure incident during a protest, where a tractor was driven into protesters and nearby vehicles after the driver suffered a medical episode. The scenario created multiple casualties with a range of injuries, including people trapped inside their vehicle, giving crews a realistic and challenging environment to work in. Special effects makeup and prosthetic injuries worn by actors helped create a highly lifelike and immersive training environment.

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'FIREFIGHTER FOR THE DAY' COMPETITION WINNER VISITS PORT TALBOT FIRE STATION

On Tuesday, 26th May, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS) welcomed 'Firefighter for a Day' competition winner, 5-year-old Elijah to Port Talbot Fire Station.

During the visit, Elijah had the opportunity to ride in a fire engine, use a hose reel jet, see the Turn Table Ladder (TL) in action, make his way through the smoke tent and explore the station alongside

the Port Talbot Red Watch. Neath Port Talbot Community Safety staff also spent time teaching him important fire safety skills for the home, ensuring the day was both fun and educational.

Elijah embraced every moment, impressing the crew with his energy. Adding to the excitement, mascot Fireman Sam and Sbarc made an appearance, giving Elijah an extra special memory to take home.

Massive congratulations to Elijah, he had the best day, and he certainly put the crews through their paces!



BECOME A MEMBER OF MAWWFRS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB TODAY!

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS) has its own Sports and Social Club. If you are a current or retired member of the Service, you are welcome to join.

The Sports and Social Club is a platform for keeping active, socialising, and having fun. Currently it consists of a variety of sections that you can join, including:



These are the official Sports and Social club section logos - for any logo enquires please contact our graphics team

We are fully supportive of starting new sections, so if you don't see a sport or social activity that you enjoy, why not get in touch, and start your own section.

Be a part of the Sports and Social Club for just £2 a month, assist with the running of all our sections. For more information on how to join, please email Steven Philpot - s.philpott@mawwfire.gov.uk



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

THE WALES WILDFIRE BOARD ARE ENCOURAGING YOU TO BE #WILDFIREWISE THIS SPRING AND SUMMER.

The Wales Wildfire Board are urging everyone to be #WildfireWise by following our simple, practical safety advice. A small amount of extra care can make a huge difference, helping to protect our stunning countryside and keeping communities safe from the devastating impact of wildfire.

The Wales Wildfire Board want to work with communities to build a healthier and more resilient countryside and to develop a more biodiverse countryside for the future.

Our #WildfireWise campaign aims to educate individuals on the best practices for avoiding and preventing wildfires in Wales.

Remember - If are out enjoying the countryside and you do come across any suspicious activity, please call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111, or ring 101. In an emergency, always call 999.

Find out more by visiting [#WildfireWise](#)

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP GRASS FIRES AND PROTECT OUR COUNTRYSIDE.



EXCITING EVENTS AHEAD!



From action-packed open days to car washes and experience days, there's something for everyone.

4th July - Talgarth Car Wash

4th July - Brecon Open Day

18th July - Biker Down Cymru

19th July - Milford Haven Car Wash

21st July - Narberth Open Day

20th - 23rd July - Royal Welsh Show

29th July - Pembroke Dock Open Day

1st - 8th August - National Eisteddfod of Wales

5th August - Tenby Open Day

17th August - Brew with a Crew at Hay on Wye

19th - 20th August - Pembrokeshire County Show

29th August - Haverfordwest Open Day

Our community-based events offer a warm welcome to all, a great opportunity to connect with your local firefighters and support their station led events.

Mark your calendars and stay tuned to our social media pages for event updates and details.

Don't miss out on the excitement - follow us on social media or visit our [Events Page](#), and invite your friends and family.

Follow us on



MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE WELCOMES NEWEST COHORT OF ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS

On Monday, June 29th, a Passout Parade was held at Newtown Fire Station to celebrate the achievements of the latest cohort of On-Call Firefighters.

The ceremony brought together family, friends and Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS) personnel to celebrate the amazing

achievements of 5 individuals who have completed weeks of rigorous training and are now beginning their On-Call careers, serving the communities of Mid and West Wales.

The new recruits performed a series of drill yard displays to highlight the emergency response skills each new crew member has developed, followed by a presentation of certificates.

Each Firefighter is now fully prepared and equipped to start their On-Call careers at their local Fire Stations, where they will each continue their development while playing an essential role in emergency response and prevention work to keep their communities safe.

Congratulations and a warm welcome to MAWWFRS!





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
- Sports and Social Club
- Firefighters Charity
- Free on-site parking
- Cycle to Work scheme
- Staff Discount scheme
- Health and Wellbeing



[VIEW CURRENT VACANCIES >](#)



ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS – WE NEED YOU!



Do you live within 5-10 minutes of your local Fire Station?

We currently have On-Call firefighter vacancies – head over to our website to find out more!





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