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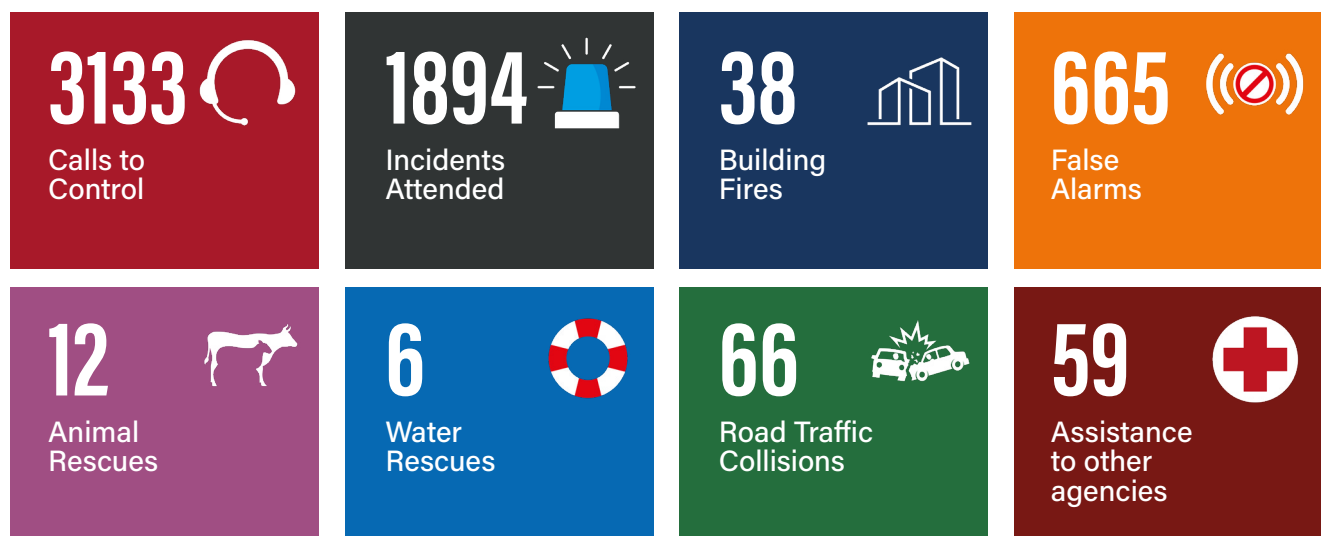
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Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service is responsible for providing emergency response cover to nearly 12,000 square kilometers - almost two-thirds of Wales.

Here's what kept us busy in August:



9/11 STAIR CLIMB

FIREFIGHTERS COMPLETE 9/11 STAIR CLIMB CHALLENGE!

On Saturday, 5 September, nine firefighters from Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MAWWFRS) successfully completed a challenging 110-floor memorial stair climb in Atlanta, USA, in tribute to the 343 firefighters who lost their lives while responding to the attacks in 2001.

Taking part in the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb during the 25th anniversary year of the attacks, the team climbed the equivalent of the World Trade Centre towers' 110 floors to honour the courage, sacrifice and dedication of the firefighters who gave their lives while responding to the events of 9/11.

Representing MAWWFRS were Station Managers Carl Williams and Oliver Tziros, Crew Managers

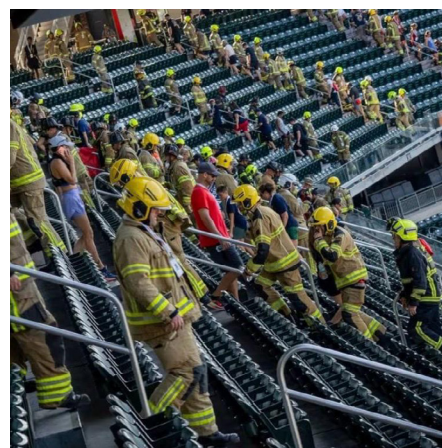
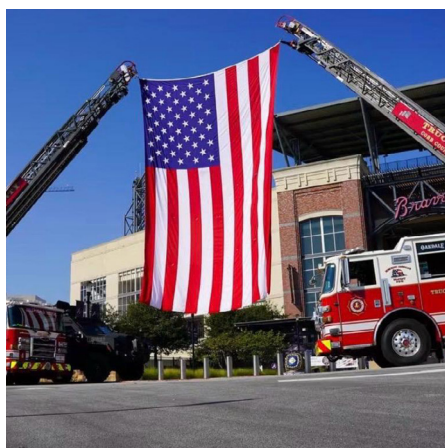
Antony Pugh and Steven Ratcliff, and Firefighters Rebecca Barden, Rhys Fitzgerald, Lisa Reynolds, Cristian James and Trystan Griffiths.

Having trained for several months in preparation, the team completed the demanding ascent alongside firefighters and emergency service personnel from across the world.

The team's achievement serves as a powerful reminder of the bravery and sacrifice shown by the 343 firefighters who lost their lives, while also recognising the ongoing commitment, resilience and dedication demonstrated by emergency service personnel across the world every day.

Congratulations to the team on this incredible achievement.

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#BURNTOPROTECT



Bwrdd Tanau Gwylt Cymru **Wales Wildfire Board**

Llosgi i Amddiffyn Burn to Protect

AFTER A SUMMER WALES WON'T FORGET, LANDOWNERS URGED TO #BURNTOPROTECT

The Wales Wildfire Board is calling on farmers, landowners and rural communities across Wales to play their part in reducing the risk of future wildfires as it launches its annual #BurnToProtect campaign.

The launch follows one of the most significant wildfire seasons Wales has experienced. Summer 2026 was Wales' hottest on record and included the driest July ever recorded, creating ideal conditions for wildfire to spread rapidly across the countryside. During July and August, Welsh Fire and Rescue Services declared four major wildfire incidents at Conwy Mountain, Llanwonno Mountain, Llangynidr Reservoir and Rhandirmwyn.

Recognising that controlled burning remains an important land management tool when undertaken

responsibly, the Wales Wildfire Board is encouraging those planning burns this season to work closely with their local Fire and Rescue Service, Natural Resources Wales, farming unions and other partners.

Farmers and landowners can burn heather, grass, bracken and gorse from 1 October until 15 March each year, extending until 31 March in upland areas. However, anyone intending to undertake a controlled burn should ensure a burn plan is in place and that all appropriate precautions have been taken.



As part of the #BurnToProtect campaign, the Wales Wildfire Board is reminding landowners of some simple but important safety advice:

- Notify your local Fire and Rescue Service before undertaking a controlled burn.
- Ensure you have sufficient people and equipment available to control the fire.
- Check weather conditions and wind direction before lighting any fire.
- Consider nearby properties, roads, livestock, habitats and wildlife.
- If a fire gets out of control, contact the Fire and Rescue Service immediately and provide accurate location details.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Ensure any fire is fully extinguished before leaving the site and revisit the area afterwards to check for re-ignition.

**READ WHAT ANDY WRIGHT,
CHAIR OF THE WALES WILDFIRE
BOARD AND SENIOR SPECIALIST
ADVISOR - PLANT HEALTH AND
KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER AT
NATURAL RESOURCES WALES
SAYS HERE!**



THANK YOU

The unprecedented demand on Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service saw considerable pressure placed on resources, with Firefighters, Control Room Operators and support staff working tirelessly to protect communities, properties and the environment.

Operations of this scale cannot be delivered in isolation and the Fire and Rescue Service extends its sincere thanks for the support, patience and cooperation shown by communities, partner agencies and local stakeholders during this time.



FIREFIGHTER CLAIMS WELSH CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

A Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Firefighter has been crowned Senior Open Champion at the 2026 Welsh Time Trial Championship.

Siôn Jones, an On-Call Firefighter at Tumble Fire Station, secured the title while representing the Ride Revolution Coaching Team, completing the 10-mile course in an impressive 20 minutes and 12 seconds.

Cycling has been part of twenty-year-old Siôn's life since childhood. He entered his first competitions at just four years old, which was the beginning of a lifelong passion for the sport.

Siôn began serving his local community as an On-Call Firefighter in October 2025, a role which has allowed him to develop valuable skills and gain new experiences while still enjoying his sporting commitments.

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CRITICAL BLEED CONTROL KITS INSTALLED AT FIRE STATIONS

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service is proud to announce the installation of 33 Critical Bleed Control Kits within Public Access Defibrillator cabinets at Fire Stations across our Service area, in partnership with Heartbeat UK Heartbeattrustuk and [The Daniel Baird Foundation](http://TheDanielBairdFoundation).

The introduction of these kits marks another important step in strengthening the Service's lifesaving capability and improving access to emergency equipment within local communities.

By providing immediate access to specialist bleeding control equipment, the kits can help provide assistance before emergency services arrive.

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AMMANFORD FIRE STATION GROWS A SPACE FOR WELLBEING

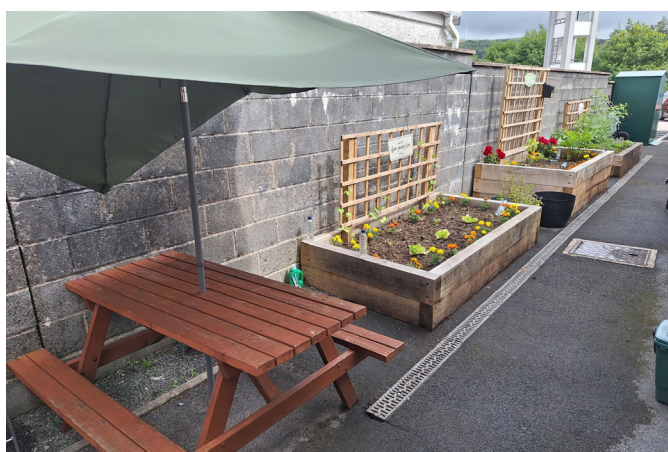
Ammanford Fire Station have transformed an outdoor area into a flourishing wellbeing garden, creating a welcoming space where crews can relax, connect with nature and enjoy the benefits of growing their own fruit, vegetables and flowers.

The project was made possible through support received via the [Welsh Government-funded Local Places for Nature scheme](#) and has seen the station

develop raised planting beds, introduce a variety of flowers, herbs, fruit and vegetables, and create an attractive outdoor seating area for colleagues to enjoy.

What was once an underused outdoor space has been transformed into a vibrant and productive environment that supports both physical and mental wellbeing. The garden provides crews with an opportunity to spend time outdoors, take a break from the demands of the role and enjoy the many benefits associated with gardening and connecting with nature.

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LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON: THREE FIREFIGHTER FAMILIES SERVING TOGETHER AT LLANDRINDOD WELLS FIRE STATION

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service is celebrating a remarkable family legacy at Llandrindod Wells Fire Station, where three fathers serve alongside their sons as On-Call Firefighters.

Together, Paul and Connor Treacy, Mark 'Dom' and Fin Hughes, and Richard and Brad Phillips have dedicated more than 73 years of service to protecting their communities, demonstrating the strong family traditions and community spirit that continue to thrive within the Fire and Rescue Service.

Their shared commitment to public service highlights the strong family connections and community spirit that continue to play an important role within Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service. On one memorable occasion, all six responded to an incident together aboard the same fire engine.

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WELLBEING AREA AT CYMMER FIRE STATION

Cymmer Fire Station recently received a new outdoor wellbeing shed thanks to a Green Infrastructure Project in conjunction with Neath Port Talbot Council.

Supporting mental health and wellbeing is an important part of creating a positive working environment, and this new wellbeing area provides the crew at Cymmer Fire Station with a welcoming place to relax, connect with colleagues and take time away from the demands of operational duties.

Built with sustainability in mind, the shed features a living wall that can be naturally irrigated using rainwater collected from the roof. Inside the shed there is a comfortable space for the crew to unwind, complete with a sofa and BBQ (for use outside), both kindly donated to help create an inviting area for social connection and wellbeing.

Stuart Furnell, Watch Manager at Cymmer Fire Station said:

"This is much more than a shed. It's a place where we can switch off, support one another and prioritise our wellbeing. We'd like to thank Neath Port Talbot Council and all those who donated their time and resources to make it happen."

The new facility reflects the importance of looking after both physical and mental health and will provide Cymmer Fire Station crews with a dedicated space to recharge, connect and enjoy the benefits of the outdoors!

Huge thanks to Neath Port Talbot Council for their support!



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



CHIEF FIRE OFFICER CRAIG FLANNERY AT THE WORLD FIRE CONGRESS IN LONDON

In September, our Chief Fire Officer, Craig Flannery, represented Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service at the World Fire Congress in London, joining fire and government leaders from more than 60 nations.

The biennial event brings together Fire and Rescue Service professionals from around the world to share their knowledge, to strengthen partnerships and to discuss some of the biggest challenges facing emergency services today.



EXCITING EVENTS AHEAD!



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

Biker Down Cymru

20th October - Llanelli Fire Station

25th November - Ammanford Fire Station

Free Electric Blanket Testing

5th October - Llandrindod Wells Fire Station

5th October - Llanfyllin Fire Station

7th October - Newtown Fire Station

7th October - Welshpool Fire Station

7th October - Milford Haven Fire Station

12th October - Lampeter Fire Station

12th October - Cardigan Fire Station

15th October - Brecon Fire Station

16th October - Pembrokeshire Command Building

30th October - Fishguard Town Hall

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.

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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.
- Benenden Health.

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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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