



Arson Control Forum

Topic	Serial Arson Prevention
Organisation	Devon and Somerset FRS
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Issue

Arson fires on Woodbury Common highlighted the presence of a serial arsonist.

Actions Taken

High profile campaign with highly visible fire service presence.

Summary of Benefits Realised

Substantial reduction in arson fires on Woodbury Common

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High visibility of FRS

Firefighters patrolled the area on mountain bikes equipped with helmet mounted camera systems and safety and conspicuity gear. These firefighters acted as a visible deterrent to potential arsonist and also assisted in the detection of fire-setting.

Public Engagement and Education

Crimestopper leaflets were distributed to people using the Common and surrounding area. Firefighters also engaged with the local community to ensure a visible presence, to offer advice and reassurance and to act as a easily accessible point of contact.