

CAREERS

at a glance

JOB OF THE WEEK

What is it?



Firefighters help to protect people from fire and other dangers, and give advice on fire prevention.

Day to day tasks

As a fire officer, you will be expected to:

- Organise rotas for workers so they can understand when they are required to be at work.
- Deploy teams to emergency situations.
- Order resources for the teams such as uniform, equipment, servicing for engines.
- Rescue people and animals from burning buildings and accident sites.
- Control and put out fires.
- Deal with bomb alerts and floods.
- Manage chemical or hazardous substance spills.
- Give presentations to schools and community groups.
- Inspect buildings to make sure they meet fire safety regulations.

Qualifications

5 CCSE's grade 9 – 4 (including maths and English)

Salary

Salaries will vary depending on experience. According to National Careers Service, a fire officer will get £56,680 on average.

Jobs and labour market



Routes into the industry

There are many different routes into industry. Apprenticeships, volunteering, sixth form, armed forces or college courses.