

# What We Do

Firefighters rescue people and property from all types of accident and disaster. They make an area safer by minimizing risks caused by fire and other hazards.

Firefighters promote fire safety and enforce fire safety standards. Lectures, exercises, practice drills and other forms of training are an integral and ongoing part of the job.



## Typical Work Day

- Attending emergency incidents including: fires, road accidents, floods, bomb incidents, spillages of dangerous substances, and rail and air crashes;
- Rescuing trapped people and animals;
- Minimizing distress and suffering, including giving first aid before ambulance crews arrive;
- Safeguarding their own and other people's personal safety at all times;
- Responding quickly to unforeseen circumstances as they arise;
- Cleaning up and checking the site after dealing with an incident;
- Taking time to become familiar with local streets, roads and buildings around their own and nearby fire stations in order to respond to emergency calls with the utmost speed and efficiency;
- Inspecting and maintaining the appliance (fire engine) and its equipment, assisting in the testing of fire hydrants and checking emergency water supplies;
- Undertaking drills and physical training and taking part in training on techniques, use of equipment and related matters;
- Maintaining the level of physical fitness necessary to carry out all the duties of a firefighter;
- Educating and informing the public to help promote fire safety, e.g. giving talks in schools and to local organizations, and home visits to offer advice.