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Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service - General Information

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service has a long and proud tradition for innovation and taking a lead on both the safety of the communities it serves and the people it employs. Our vision is 'a Cheshire where there are no preventable deaths, injuries and damage from fires and other emergencies' and our mission 'is to help create safer communities, to rescue people and protect economic, environmental and community interests'.

The Service is led by the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive and the Service Management Team and provides a 24 hour service to emergency incidents to just over 1 million people across the four unitary council areas of:

- Halton
- Warrington
- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West and Chester

The Service responds to all emergency calls from the public for assistance. Many emergency calls however are not to fires, but to incidents where members of the community are trapped in vehicles following road traffic collisions, trapped in machinery, or trapped in less life threatening circumstances as well as being called to chemical spillages and toxic emissions. The Service is also required to deal with many other domestic situations, such as flooding, storm damage, people unable to gain access to premises, animals in distress etc.

Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service operates:

- 28 Fire Stations
- 4 Community Safety Centres
- 3 Community Fire Protection Offices
- A Headquarters (at Winsford) and incident Command Training Suite

The Service also provides community safety advice, which helps to reduce risks and to improve community and public safety and business safety and safety at work.

Our staff are employed in the full range of operational firefighters, professional, specialist, technical, administrative and manual roles.