



## Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

**Please ask for:** Service Information Team Leader

Tel: 01604 797000

Our Ref:

Your Ref: N/A

Date: 28 September 2020

If you have any difficulty in obtaining the above telephone number please email [enquiries@northantsfire.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@northantsfire.gov.uk).

### **Re: Request for information (our ref: NFRS2020-232-266)**

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 17 September 2020. Our response is provided below:

Q1 How many ladies work in Northampton?

*We currently have a total of 107 females working for Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service. Of these 16 are fire control staff, 57 are operational staff and 34 are support staff.*

Q2 Is there a reason why the vehicles are Red?

*We are not aware of any particular reason why fire vehicles are mainly red, and can advise that this is not always the case. We have looked into this and have found the following information on the internet:*

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/lifestyle/lifestyle-buzz/this-is-why-fire-trucks-are-red/ar-BBOW7LE>

Q3 What sort of animals get rescued?

*Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service; by its very nature as an emergency service, becomes involved with a number and variety of animal rescues.*

*In the majority of cases callers are asked to contact the RSPCA in the first instance, and if they decide they need our assistance they then call on us to help.*

*I have added a few links to news stories about animal rescues below (not all from Northamptonshire):*

[https://www.facebook.com/CorbyFireStation1/posts/673566186601726?\\_tn\\_=-R](https://www.facebook.com/CorbyFireStation1/posts/673566186601726?_tn_=-R)

<https://www.northantstelegraph.co.uk/news/people/huge-operation-sees-dozens-horses-rescued-flooded-wellingborough-fields-1889232>

<https://www.horseandhound.co.uk/news/horse-rescued-by-fire-brigade-after-getting-stuck-in-roof-298170>

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-northamptonshire-21350588>

<https://www.northamptonchron.co.uk/news/people/firefighters-rescue-teenager-and-kitten-top-northampton-home-2547659>

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/pottymouthed-parrot-among-573-animal-rescues-by-london-fire-brigade-last-year-a4033091.html>

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3214932/Herd-one-cow-stuck-garden-chair-Fire-crews-called-rescue-animal-got-tangled-garden-furniture.html>

<https://www.northantstelegraph.co.uk/news/hundreds-animals-rescued-fire-service-northamptonshire-over-five-years-833129>

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference NFRS2020-232-266.

Yours sincerely

Service Information Project Officer

If you are unhappy with the response, you can ask the Service to review it. To do this, please email [enquiries@northantsfire.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@northantsfire.gov.uk) or alternatively write to the address below:

Service Information Manager  
Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service  
Moulton Logistics Centre  
Moulton Way  
Northampton  
NN3 6XJ

If our internal review does not resolve the issue to your complete satisfaction, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision at the following address:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF