

Message sent on behalf of Charlie Hendry, CFOA President

Relevant to: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales.

Integrated Clothing Project

The delivery of the clothing project is a very tangible example of collaborative working and represents a real step forward in firefighter protection, safety and comfort.

The new clothing has been developed using the best fabrics and innovative designs and follows the most extensive firefighting garment trials anywhere in the world. The clothing project is not confined to protective clothing but includes station-wear and other clothing ensembles.

The project, as well as being sensitive to the diverse range of roles fire service personnel are expected to undertake, recognises the diverse nature of our workforce with garments designed specifically for women and those with specific faith requirements.

] The concept of a single identity for the fire and rescue service also provides the opportunity for individual services to be instantly recognisable as part of a UK wide provision whilst still maintaining proud links with their local community by the use of local badging.