# Assistant Chief Fire Officer

## **Job description and person specification**

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service

# Job de**scription**

**Job Role/Size:** Assistant Chief Fire Officer

**Job title:** Brigade Manager

**Reports to:** DeputyChief Fire Officer

**Line manager responsibilities:** Service Leadership Area Managers & Departmental Heads

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Main purpose of job:The Assistant Chief Fire Officers (ACFO) will report to and support the Deputy and Chief Fire Officer in leading the Service. As part of the Executive Board, they will assist in creating a vision, direction and culture of the Service which builds public trust and confidence through the delivery of effective services and achieves our vision that:

**Together, we will work to end preventable fire and rescue emergencies, creating a safer world for you and your family.**

Following the HMICFRS inspection of DSFRS in 2019, specific areas of improvement in prevention, protection, response (service delivery) and people were identified. Ensuring we develop a more inclusive culture and diverse workforce which will enable improvements in the way in which we deliver our services is key to our future success.

As such, the ACFO roles are critical within the Service and in order to ensure manageable spans of control and sufficient focus, the reporting structure shown below is in place.

One ACFO will be responsible for the effective delivery of Prevention, Protection and Response services whilst the second will be responsible for Business Improvement and People matters with both roles reporting to the DCFO accordingly.

As Principal Officers the ACFOs provide Gold Command level operational cover for attending operational incidents and also Multi Agency Gold Command meetings with Devon and Cornwall and/or Avon and Somerset Police Headquarters.

**Structure and reporting lines**



**Generic Role Map responsibilities:**

**Provide strategic advice and support to resolve operational incidents**

As part of this responsibility you will be required to:

• Evaluate service responses to incidents.

• Advise and support those involved in resolution of incidents.

• Liaise with media and other agencies to achieve strategic objectives.

• Debrief following resolution of incidents.

National Occupational Standards (NOS): EFSM 1

Job specific responsibilities:

• Take command of major operational incidents.

• Provide effective management and strategic advice and support to resolve operational incidents.

**Lead, Monitor and Support people to resolve operational incidents**

As part of this responsibility you will be required to:

• Review and determine incident status.

• Assume responsibility and implement action to support those involved in the incident.

• Debrief following resolution of the incident.

National Occupational Standards (NOS): EFSM 2

Job specific responsibilities:

• Lead, monitor and support people to resolve operational incidents.

**Plan organisational strategy to meet agreed aims and objectives**

As part of this responsibility you will be required to:

• Agree organisational aims, objectives and measures of performance.

• Establish factors within internal and external operating environments that influence strategic direction and planning.

• Secure resources required to meet stated aims and objectives.

• Produce a strategic plan to meet agreed aims and objectives.

National Occupational Standards (NOS): EFSM4

Job specific responsibilities:

• As a member of the Executive Board and a Principal Officer, contribute to the development of the organisational goals and objectives and the Corporate Plan.

• To provide strategic direction for Service Response, Protection and Prevention.

**Plan implementation of organisational strategy to meet objectives**

As part of this responsibility you will be required to:

• Develop and agree policies and processes to support achievement of organisation aims and objectives.

• Establish and agree the optimum organisation structure to support achievement of aims and objectives.

• Produce implementation plans to achieve organisation strategy.

National Occupational Standards (NOS): EFSM 5

Job specific responsibilities:

• Provide strategic leadership to ensure the achievement of corporate aims and objectives and that performance management is embedded in all activities of the Service.

• Contribute to the formation of policies and procedures for the organisation, taking the strategic lead for Service Response, Protection and Prevention.

**Evaluate organisational performance against agreed measures**

As part of this responsibility you will be required to:

• Measure organisational performance against operational targets.

• Measure the effectiveness of the organisation in achieving strategic goals.

• Evaluate overall performance and take action to rectify actual or potential shortfalls.

National Occupational Standards (NOS): EFSM7

Job specific responsibilities:

• Ensure that Service Response, Protection and Prevention operate effectively and efficiently within existing budgets to fulfil our objectives, achieve best value targets and facilitate continuous improvement.

**Lead organisation strategy through effective decision making**

As part of this responsibility you will be required to:

• Obtain information required to enable effective decision making.

• Communicate decisive action to achieve strategic goals.

National Occupational Standards (NOS): EFSM 8

Job specific responsibilities:

• Establish and maintain good working relationships with elected members and provide advice, information and technical expertise on matters relating to their statutory responsibilities and other non-statutory duties.

**Select personnel for employment**

As part of this responsibility you will be required to:

• Identify personnel requirements.

• Select required personnel.

National Occupational Standards (NOS): EFSM 13

Job specific responsibilities:

• Contribute to Service-wide workforce planning.

• Support the recruitment and promotion process for senior positions through the short-listing, chairing and participating in selection panels as appropriate.

**Manage the performance of teams and individuals to achieve objectives**

As part of this responsibility you will be required to:

• Allocate and delegate work to teams and individuals.

• Agree objectives and work plans with teams and individuals.

• Assess the performance of teams and individuals.

• Provide feedback to teams and individuals on their performance.

• Resolve performance problems with teams and individuals.

National Occupational Standards (NOS): EFSM 14

Job specific responsibilities:

• Responsible for the effective management of teams by providing support, guidance and feedback and resolving any performance issues.

• Develop teams and individuals to improve performance.

• Ensure development of personal skills and behaviours aligned to the Service Core Values and Behavioural Framework.

• Act as a Senior Point of Contact for disciplinary and grievance matters and chair meetings as appropriate.

**Develop teams and individuals to enhance work based performance**

As part of this responsibility you will be required to:

• Identify the development needs of teams and individuals.

• Plan the development of teams and individuals

• Develop teams to improve performance.

• Deliver individual learning and support for development.

• Evaluate the development of teams and individuals.

National Occupational Standards (NOS): EFSM 15

Job specific responsibilities:

• Promote effective communication and team working to ensure the delivery of service aims and objectives.

• Ensure that development reviews are conducted for all staff within Service Delivery and Community Safety Departments.

• Ensure that training needs are developed and training plans created.

**Manage yourself to achieve work objectives**

As part of this responsibility you will be required to:

• Organise and structure personal work activities to achieve objectives.

• Develop and continuously improve productive working relationships.

• Implement personal development plan to continuously improve personal performance.

National Occupational Standards (NOS): EFSM 16

Job specific responsibilities:

• Identify workload priorities, SMART personal objectives and key working relationships necessary to achieve success in the role.

• Identify training and educational opportunities for continuous personal and professional development.

• Acquire/maintain all qualifications and certificates as required by Service policy.

**Exchange information to ensure effective service delivery**

As part of this responsibility you will be required to:

• Plan and chair meetings to aid decision making.

• Participate in meetings relating to service delivery.

National Occupational Standards (NOS): EFSM 20

Job specific responsibilities:

• Develop and maintain effective working relationship with national bodies, other agencies, organisations, Trade Unions and Fire & Rescue Services to promote the work of Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service and the achievement of safe and secure communities.

• Organise, chair and participate in appropriate strategic meetings to support effective working with internal/external stakeholders. Follow up and communicate agreed action plans and review effectiveness of the meetings.

**Drive, manoeuvre and redeploy fire service vehicles**

As part of this responsibility you will be required to:

• Drive vehicle to incidents.

• Manoeuvre, site and re-deploy vehicles.

National Occupational Standards (NOS): FF9