



# news release

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## Air Cadets All Fired Up

The Air Cadets in Cambridge have been treated to a special evening with the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service. The Fire Crew brought their fire engine to Cambridge Airport so that the cadets could see the appliance close-up, learn more about the Service and ask a lot of questions.

During the visit the cadets were able to try on a breathing apparatus set, and to use the thermal imaging camera equipment that is so vital to finding casualties in smoke-logged buildings and to look for the seat of the fire or hot-spots that might be critical in fighting a fire.

The crew-chief spoke at length to the cadets and answered a myriad of questions from them. He was frank and open about his work and experiences and was very keen to explain anything that the cadets wanted to know about.

The evening finished with a touch of excitement as the Fire Crew were called away to a suspected fire and the sudden change to a real sense of urgency. The lights and sirens came on and the fire engine rushed off into the night down Newmarket Road – Back to work!

Commanding Officer Flight Lieutenant Richard Slack thanked the crew before they were called away. "This type of opportunity is great for our cadets as they get to know so much more about the Emergency Services than most young people. I hope that we are able to continue our relationship with the Fire Service and learn more about their important work"

The squadron, who meet between 19:00 and 21:30 on Wednesdays and Fridays, is currently looking for Adult Volunteers from the age of 20 to join the Staff team in Cambridge. Contact Richard Slack on 01223 295 324, email [info@104atc.org](mailto:info@104atc.org) or visit the Squadron in person at 730 Newmarket Road, Cambridge.

### Photo captions:

**104 Fire 01.jpg – A member of the crew shows the cadets how the pump operates to draw water from a supply and direct it to the correct hose(s).**

**104 Fire 02.jpg – The cadets are shown how the Thermal Imaging camera operates.**

**104 Fire 03.jpg – Cadets Lisa Perry, Ian Wecombe and Mark Saberton look for "hot-spots" in the Thermal Imager.**

**104 Fire 04.jpg – A huge "toolbox on wheels" – The fireman describes the many roles of the fire engine and the equipment it carries.**