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PRESS RELEASE

It's been a quiet couple of months at 207 (Cranfield) Squadron of the Air Training Corps (ATC) as the cadets settle back into training based at their headquarters based in the village. As part of their citizenship training and to satisfy some vocational interests, the Squadron staff organised an evening visit to Kempston Fire Station.

Fire-fighters showed the Cadets around the facility and the various appliances (fire engines to you and I) that are currently based there, including the impressive rescue boat. The Cadets were taken through the vast amount of life saving equipment stowed into every available space on each appliance and shown how it all works before experiencing what it's like when the Service get a call and the alarm goes off (fortunately it was only a test for the Cadets' benefit!). They were also shown the information sheet that comes through with each call and the information it contains.

Throughout the evening, several cadets got the opportunity to wear and experience some of the kit and breathing apparatus used by the fire-fighters when they enter burning buildings. After a short ride in one of the appliances, the final presentation of the evening showed the Cadets the correct use of hydrants and hoses, including how to 'run them out' using the fastest technique. This was most important as the fire-fighters now turned up the heat and challenged the cadets to race against each other in teams to run out hoses and roll them back up again.

The evening was a huge success and very insightful for both Cadets and staff alike. The squadron would like to pass on their thanks to Bedfordshire and Luton Fire and Rescue Service and in particular the crew at Kempston Fire Station for allowing the visit and putting in so much preparation to ensure the Cadets took as much out of it as possible.

207 Squadron are now recruiting new cadets from the age of 13 to 18. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the Squadron on 01234 752030 or call in at their Headquarters off Merchants Lane, Cranfield between the times of 7:30pm and 9:30pm on a Monday or Thursday evening.

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