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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **DofE AWARD AT 2484 IS ON FIRE!**

Recently 2484 (Bassingbourn) Squadron have teamed up with their local fire station as part of the Squadrons ongoing success in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

Cadets from the Squadron have been attending training at Gamlingay Fire Station which is part of Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service. The training they have received along with additional responsibilities on the Squadron will allow a further 21 Cadets on the Squadron to complete the DofE award (11 at Bronze level and 10 at Silver).

The training ranged from Fire Service history, fire safety legislation and community fire safety to the use of the Holmatro cutting equipment, hoses and thermal imaging cameras. The training course finished with the fire engine from Gamlingay visiting the Squadron's headquarters on ATR Bassingbourn to demonstrate the volume of water the appliance can deliver onto a fire. This resulted in some Cadets and Staff getting rather wet!

Watch Manager John Kitchener, who presented the course, said "The Cadets were very good to instruct, no problems at all, they paid attention and learnt a lot."

Squadron DofE Officer, CWO Martin Goddard commented "Our thanks must go to Watch Manager Kitchener and his team at Gamlingay Fire Station for helping us continue our success in this field. These results put the Squadron well above the national average for

DofE success in the Air Cadet Organisation. We look forward to working together in the future.”

Cadet Corporal Matuesz Bialowas said “I really enjoyed the course, I learnt a lot and it was great fun, it was amazing watching them demonstrate rescuing people trapped in cars”

2484 (Bassingbourn) Squadron is open to young men and women aged between 13 and 17 years old. We meet on Mondays and Wednesdays between 18:45 and 21:45 at Bassingbourn Barracks. For more information please contact 01763 249156.

CI Gemma Brown  
MCO 2484 (Bassingbourn) Squadron

#### Notes to editor

Attached photos:

DSC1199 – Cdt Charlotte Johnson feels the power generated by a Fire Service jet.

DSC1182 – Cadets and fire crew line up together.

TIC – Cadets appear on a thermal imaging camera

