

# COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE



## SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGING GUIDE

County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service (CDDFRS) will only charge on a cost recovery basis, all charges are calculated to recover any expenditure directly paid by the Service, directly attributed to the work undertaken. All set fees are uplifted in April each year using the national RPI index, all other charges will be uplifted whenever a national pay award is applied.

### 1. PERSONNEL

A charge for the time of CDDFRS employees at the current basic hourly rate or overtime rate where applicable, per hour, rounded up to the nearest whole hour.

All charges include on-costs and flexi-time allowance where they are applicable.

Role	Apr – Mar 25/26	Apr – Mar 25/26
	Hourly rate	Overtime rate
Group Manager B	53.18	80.81
Station Manager B	45.90	69.70
Station Manager A	42.84	65.03
Watch Manager B	33.24	50.39
Watch Manager A	31.19	47.26
Crew Manager	29.69	44.97
Firefighter	28.92	43.79

\*Rates of pay correct as of July 2025. Including on-costs and flexible duty allowance where applicable.

## 2. APPLIANCES, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

A charge for each hour (or part of an hour) of each individual vehicle or appliance recorded from the time the appliance or vehicle leaves the station until it returns to its stand cleaned and ready for call.

This cost accounts for resource including personnel, fuel and normal equipment carried.

Appliance / Equipment	Cost (£ per hour) Apr – Mar 25/26
Aerial Ladder Platform	406.06
Fire Appliance/ Pumps	393.75
Four Wheeled Drive Vehicle	53.65
All Other Vehicles	24.05
Boat and Specialist Crew	406.98
Large Animal / Rope Rescue	435.41
High Volume Pump	1,670.99
DIM (plus trained officer)	675.16
Portable Pump	51.00
Salvage Sheet (*per week)	86.57
Gas Tight Suit	696.45
Air Support Unit (Drone)	248.06

### DAMAGE

Any expenditure incurred, e.g. on repairs due to damage to vehicles, appliances or equipment attributable to negligence of the person to whom the service is undertaken will be recharged on the basis of materials plus labour at the rate of actual labour costs.

**ALL CHARGES SPECIFIED ARE EXCLUSIVE OF V.A.T. WHICH WILL BE ADDED WHERE APPLICABLE**



### 3. POST FIRE INCIDENT INFORMATION CHARGES

Information Product	Information Product Description	Apr – Mar 2025/26
<p><b>Original Statement</b> (first person account) For Rank / Role up to Watch Manager (WM)</p> <p>Station Manager &amp; above including Fire Investigator</p> <p>Fire Investigation Dog Handler</p>	<p><b>Product Code: TS10</b></p> <p>Statements are contemporaneous observations of the Firefighters and Officers that were involved in the immediate firefight / rescue.</p> <p>Statements for FF, CM and WM are charged at the same rate per hour.</p> <p>The charge includes time in producing the statement and time checking of facts.</p> <p>(†) Note a Quality Assurance fee is also charged.</p>	<p><b>£50.39</b></p> <p><b>£69.70</b></p> <p><b>£53.18</b></p>
<p><b>Information Recording System (IRS) Report</b></p>	<p><b>Product Code: IRS Rep</b></p> <p>A computer-generated report originated by the attending Officer in Charge.</p>	<p><b>£83.96</b></p>
<p><b>Fire Investigation Report (Level 2):-</b></p>	<p><b>Product Code: PN-B or PN-C</b></p> <p>*Standard report fixed fee.</p>	<p><b>£488.37</b></p>

Premises (PN-B) Vehicle (PN-C)	<p><b>Note:</b> for more complex investigations the service reserves the right to quote an alternative higher value.</p> <p>This is a report generated by the physical investigation and examination of the fire scene by a qualified Level 2 Fire Investigation Officer.</p> <p>(†) Note a Quality Assurance fee is also charged.</p>	(Fixed fee for *standard investigation)
<b>Fire Investigation Officer Statement</b>	<p><b>Product Code: TS10 FI</b></p> <p>Charged at Station Manager (B) hourly rate</p> <p>(†) Note a Quality Assurance fee is also charged</p>	<b>£69.70</b>
<p><b>Cognitive Personal Interview</b></p> <p>For Rank / Role up to Watch Manager (WM)</p> <p>Station Manager and above including Fire Investigator</p> <p>Fire Investigation Dog Handler</p>	<p><b>Product Code: CPI</b></p> <p>The first hour is charged at full rate, then at 15 minute increments per salary rate.</p> <p>(†) Note a Quality Assurance fee is also charged. In order to quality assure the interview a Fire Investigator will be required to be present at the interview at the standard hourly rate.</p>	<p><b>£50.39</b></p> <p><b>£69.70</b></p> <p><b>£80.81</b></p>
<b>Quality Assurance (†)</b>	<p><b>Product Code: QA1</b></p> <p>A fixed fee based on 2 hrs QA work by a</p>	<b>£130.06</b>

	Station Manager (B)	
<b>CCTV Footage</b>	<p><b>Product Code: CCTV1</b></p> <p>Where it is possible to release CCTV footage a fixed fee will be charged to non-partners/ individuals. The Service reserves the right not to disclose CCTV footage in line with current General Data Protection and other associated regulations.</p>	<b>£39.56</b>
<b>Business Fire Safety Charge for Unwanted Fire Signals</b>	<p><b>Product Code: UWFS1</b></p> <p>Where a penalty notice has been issued to a premises for attendances by the Service to unwanted fire signals in line with current policy a fee per each attending appliance will be levied.</p>	<b>£422.05</b>

\*Current RPI rates can be viewed via the link below:

<https://adviser.royallondon.com/technical-central/rates-and-factors/retail-prices-index/>