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NEW FIREFIGHTING KIT FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Bristol Uniforms has designed and supplied brand new PPE for Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, which was rolled out in April. The distinctive new protective kit in dark navy and orange, consists of over 6,500 items, to be worn by more than 500 operational members of staff. Bristol's XFlex™ garments for Cambridgeshire FRS combine a Hainsworth TITAN1220 outer fabric, with a Gore CROSSTECH™ moisture barrier.

Cambridgeshire FRS opted for a Lease Managed Service on a ten-year contract. It will see all the new PPE regularly serviced by Bristol on a pre-arranged maintenance cycle, providing regular inspection, repair, washing, decontamination where required, condition coding and return within a 7-day turnaround.

Chief Fire Officer Chris Strickland said: "This protective kit uses the latest technology in firefighter clothing and is ergonomically designed to provide our crews with the very best protection.

"The safety of our firefighters is of the utmost importance to us and a host of options went through rigorous testing before our staff chose the very best fit for them. The kit is lighter in weight, breathable and offers more support for the wearer and we are proud to know we are the first fire and rescue service in the country to utilise this latest technology in protective clothing for our staff."

Philip Tasker, UK Sales Director at Bristol Uniforms comments:

"Cambridgeshire FRS needed a light-weight, breathable kit, which offered head-to-toe protection. They considered numerous options before opting for our XFlex and RescueFlex range, featuring a coat and trouser combination offering improved ergonomics, flexibility and comfort."

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Editor's note:

Bristol Uniforms Ltd, founded in Bristol in 1801, has been, and remains, the UK's leading designer and manufacturer of protective clothing for municipal and industrial firefighters both in the UK and abroad with around 50% of sales being exported to over 110 countries across the world. The company, which also supplies specialist PPE for other emergency services, including the police and ambulance service, employs over 100 people.