

New fire fighting kit for Cambridgeshire crews



Cambridgeshire firefighters in the new navy and orange fire fighting kit from Bristol Uniforms

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) is now sporting a new dark navy and orange protective fire fighting kit with yellow helmets, replacing the blue and yellow clothing the public have seen Cambridgeshire crews wear to fight fires for over a decade.

The new kit was rolled out on 18 April and all the county's

firefighters will respond to 999 calls wearing the new uniform.

Bristol Uniforms designed and supplied the new PPE. The distinctive new protective kit consists of over 6500 items, which will be worn by more than 500 operational staff.

Cambridgeshire FRS opted for a Lease Managed Service on a 10 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 seven day turnaround.

Philip Tasker, UK Sales Director at Bristol Uniforms, said, "Cambridgeshire FRS needed a lightweight, breathable kit, which offered head-to-toe protection. They considered numerous options

before opting for our XFlex and RescueFlex range, a coat and trouser combination offering improved ergonomics, flexibility and comfort.

"We tailored the garments to meet their particular requirements and put the new design through rigorous testing before manufacturing and supplying the full kit ready for action."

Chief Fire Officer Chris Strickland said, "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."

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