



Bedfordshire and Luton Fire and Rescue Service

PROFILE

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Born in Aspley Guise, Bedfordshire, in 1965, Jon has lived in the County for all but one year of his life (and that was in Bletchley, Buckinghamshire).

Jon joined Bedfordshire and Luton Fire and Rescue Service in 1985 and has served as an operational firefighter at all of the Service's whole time stations. He has progressed through the Service in a variety of roles including Training Instructor, Competence and Development Manager, Senior Training Instructor, Fire Safety Officer, Station Commander, Emergency Response Support Manager, Deputy Area Commander, Strategic Support Manager and Area Support Manager. He was presented with his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal in 2006.

Jon's interests include walking, camping, scuba-diving, DIY and local education. He has been an active parent governor of two Kempston schools; having given over 15 years combined service to them, culminating in being Chair of Governors for 3 years at one of the largest middle schools in the county. As a chair of Governors, Jon was a founder board member involved in the formulation of the Kempston Educational Trust, and encouraged the Service to become a Board level Partner in the Trust, to assist in the realisation of the Service's priority of helping young people.

Jon has two children, both boys – born in April 1991 and December 1992, and now lives with his partner, Sue, in Kempston.

Having studied for his statutory promotion examinations, Jon furthered his technical knowledge by gaining his Membership of the Institution of Fire Engineers. He also gained his Membership of the Institution of Verifiers and Assessors in his role as Competence and Development Officer, where he gained 'Approved Centre' status for the Service, for the delivery of National Vocational Qualifications. He then went on to achieve his Certificate in Management Studies in 2001, and found an interest in management, gaining firstly his post-graduate Diploma in Management Studies and then his Masters in Business Administration, graduating from the Open University in June 2009.

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