

NORTHUMBERLAND FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE



Some facts about Fire Control.....

Please take time to consider if the working environment in Fire Control will suit you:

- ☐ You will wear a uniform and you will work in a disciplined environment
- ☐ You will need to invest your own time, outside of work to successfully complete the initial Firefighter (Control) Training Course
- ☐ After training, you will work 2 day shifts (0900 to 1800 hours) and two night shifts (1800 to 0900 hours), then have four days off
- ☐ This means you will work two successive 15 hour nightshifts
- ☐ Your Annual Leave is scheduled for you throughout the year, you will be expected to work Bank Holidays, including Christmas and New Year
- ☐ You will spend most of your shift sitting at a desk in front of computer screens
- ☐ You will not be allowed to leave the site during your shift and you may be called back to your desk during meal breaks
- ☐ The shift system may interfere with your social life
- ☐ You will spend your working time in one Control Room
- ☐ You will work with the same three or four people every day and you will not see many other people
- ☐ Most of your contact with colleagues outside of Fire Control will be by telephone only
- ☐ Sometimes you will be extremely busy, but some shifts may be fairly quiet
- ☐ Some of your callers may be difficult to deal with