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## *New Dimension training and crewing: funding for 2004/5*

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Summary	

This Circular sets out the funding available to Fire and Rescue Authorities for New Dimension training for mass decontamination and urban search and rescue; and for crewing for search and rescue for 2004/5 only.

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## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1** This circular sets out the funding arrangements for mass decontamination training for retained firefighters and urban search and rescue training and crewing for 2004/5 only.

## **2.0 Mass Decontamination Training**

- 2.1** Incident Response Units were delivered to the Fire and Rescue Service in Spring 2004. Wholetime firefighters received initial training on this equipment, which was funded by the Government. Funding for training retained firefighters is now being made available to Fire and Rescue Authorities.
- 2.2** Funding of £2,639,400 is being provided for 2004/5 to cover the cost of providing mass decontamination training for retained firefighters. This represents £200 per retained firefighter and covers the cost of their attendance at mass decontamination training courses.
- 2.3** We are currently reviewing the requirements for refresher mass decontamination training and will provide an update on this separately.
- 2.4** The allocation of funding will be based on the most recent official number of retained firefighters in England. This is shown in Annex A.
- 2.5** Funding will be supplied through a grant under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003. Chief Fire Officers will receive notification of the Grant Determination separately.

## **3.0 Urban Search and Rescue Crewing and Training**

- 3.1** An interim urban search and rescue capability has been developed through targetted allocation of equipment to the existing UK Fire and Rescue Service Search and Rescue Teams and the creation of new urban search and rescue teams. This interim capability means that every region has urban search and rescue capability.
- 3.2** In recognition of the additional cost of crewing the search and rescue capability, a total of £3,544,100 new funding is being provided for 2004/5 to those fire and rescue services hosting the urban search and rescue teams. Separate Circulars will deal with training and crewing costs for 2005/6. Funding for individual fire and rescue services is listed in Annex B. This represents £2,600 per firefighter for the cost of attending training courses and £3,500 per firefighter for the cost of additional crewing.
- 3.3** Funding will be supplied through a grant under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003. Chief Fire Officers will receive notification of the Grant Determination separately.

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**Annex A - Mass Decontamination Crewing**

Fire and Rescue Authority	Number of Retained Firefighters*	Funding (£)
AVON FIRE AUTHORITY	212	42,400
BEDFORDSHIRE and LUTON COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY	139	27,800
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE AND MILTON KEYNES FIRE AUTHORITY	226	45,200
CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH FIRE AUTHORITY	380	76,000
CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY	171	34,200
CLEVELAND FIRE AUTHORITY	72	14,400
CORNWALL FIRE AUTHORITY	425	85,000
CUMBRIA FIRE AUTHORITY	474	94,800
DERBYSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY	360	72,000
DEVON FIRE AUTHORITY	759	151,800
DORSET FIRE AUTHORITY	356	71,200
COUNTY DURHAM & DARLINGTON FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY	168	33,600
EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY	300	60,000
ESSEX FIRE AUTHORITY	430	86,000
GLOUCESTERSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY	304	60,800
GREATER MANCHESTER COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY	64	12,800
HAMPSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE AUTHORITY	624	124,800
HEREFORD and WORCESTER COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY	369	73,800
HERTFORDSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY	276	55,200
HUMBERSIDE FIRE AUTHORITY	328	65,600
ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL	168	33,600
ISLES OF SCILLY COUNCIL	37	7,400
KENT and MEDWAY TOWNS FIRE AUTHORITY	714	142,800
LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY	340	68,000
LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY	216	43,200
LINCOLNSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY	497	99,400
London	0	0

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Fire and Rescue Authority	Number of Retained Firefighters*	Funding (£)
Merseyside	0	0
NORFOLK FIRE AUTHORITY	512	102,400
NORTH YORKSHIRE AND CITY OF YORK FIRE AUTHORITY	368	73,600
NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL	235	47,000
NORTHUMBERLAND FIRE AUTHORITY	155	31,000
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE and CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY	252	50,400
OXFORDSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY	336	67,200
ROYAL BERKSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY	169	33,800
SHROPSHIRE and WREKIN FIRE AUTHORITY	284	56,800
SOMERSET FIRE AUTHORITY	390	78,000
SOUTH YORKSHIRE SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL	80	16,000
STOKE-ON-TRENT and STAFFORDSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY	378	75,600
SUFFOLK FIRE AUTHORITY	426	85,200
SURREY FIRE AUTHORITY	144	28,800
TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE AUTHORITY	24	4,800
WARWICKSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY	166	33,200
WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE AUTHORITY	10	2,000
WEST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY	398	79,600
WEST YORKSHIRE FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE AUTHORITY	145	29,000
WILTSHIRE and SWINDON FIRE AUTHORITY	316	63,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,197</b>	<b>2,639,400</b>

\* Number of retained firefighters based on ODPM figures dated March 2003.

## Annex B - Urban Search and Rescue Crewing and Training

Fire and Rescue Authority	No. Personnel	Crewing funding (£3,500 per person)	Training funding (£2,600 per person)	Total grant funding (£)
WEST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY	17	59,500	44,200	103,700
KENT and MEDWAY TOWNS FIRE AUTHORITY	14	49,000	36,400	85,400
LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY	17	59,500	44,200	103,700
WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE AUTHORITY	18	63,000	46,800	109,800
CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY	19	66,500	49,400	115,900
HAMPSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE AUTHORITY	21	73,500	54,600	128,100
ESSEX FIRE AUTHORITY	17	59,500	44,200	103,700
LINCOLNSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY	31	108,500	80,600	189,100
GREATER MANCHESTER COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY	24	84,000	62,400	146,400
GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY FOR THE LONDON FIRE AND EMERGENCY PLANNING AUTHORITY	278	973,000	722,800	1,695,800
TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE AUTHORITY	63	220,500	163,800	384,300
MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE AUTHORITY	24	84,000	62,400	146,400

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WEST YORKSHIRE FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE AUTHORITY	20	70,000	52,000	122,000
DEVON FIRE AUTHORITY	18	63,000	46,800	109,800
<b>Totals</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>2033500</b>	<b>1510600</b>	<b>3,544,100</b>