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### **RBFRS Rescue Team To Compete In World Challenge**

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service's (RBFRS) competition rescue team will take part in this year's World Rescue Challenge in Barcelona. The World Rescue Challenge takes place from 15-19 October and follows the team's success in the National Rescue Challenge in July, where they came second place overall.

The RBFRS team will join twenty-nine other teams from around the world to battle it out for first place, competing in three demanding scenarios. The teams will use the skills they have honed as firefighters to rescue 'patients' from a range of simulated vehicle accidents.

Judges will award points according to the teams' technical abilities, how well the incident commander directs the team, how they used the rescue tools, how proficiently the designated medic tended to the patient, and how skilfully the team performed overall. The event will end with an awards ceremony where trophies will be awarded to the best overall team, best medic, best incident commander and best technical rescue team.

Ian Cox, Station Manager at Slough fire station and rescue team member, said: "We were really pleased to take second place overall in the national event and are now looking forward to putting our hard work and training into practice again at the World Challenge. The best teams in the world will be competing in Barcelona, so it's a real achievement to have got this far. All the skills and techniques we learn by taking part in the competitions help to ensure that people involved in road traffic collisions in Berkshire are attended by first-rate rescuers."

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#### **Note to Editors**

RBFRS' competition extrication team comprises:

Ian Cox, Station Manager, Slough  
Paul Maynard, Group Manager, Community Safety  
Adam Stevens, Station Manager, Performance Review  
Michael Humphreys, Firefighter, Windsor  
Ian Handley, Firefighter, Langley