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DOUBLE NEW YEAR HONOURS FOR ROYAL BERKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Chief Fire Officer Iain Cox and Group Manager Robert Rea have been awarded the Queens Fire Service Medal in the New Year Honours List for 2009.

Iain Cox said: "This is a great honour and one which I am immensely proud to receive. This reflects upon the Brigade as a whole and recognises the contribution made by those who serve in Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service."

CFO Cox QFSM joined Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service in August 1979 and worked his way through the ranks to become Chief Fire Officer in April 2003. He is a member of the Chief Fire Officers Association and works on a number of national and regional fire and rescue service initiatives.

Group Manager Rea QFSM received the Medal for his work at the national Fire Service College in Gloucestershire. He joined Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service in June 1982 and was seconded to the College from 2001 until April 2008. As Head of Specialist Services he was responsible for developing and delivering the national Urban Search and Rescue Training programme for the Fire and Rescue Service.

Group Manager Rea said: "I am very proud to have been nominated for this award, it is a tremendous honour. It is a tribute to the brilliant team of people that worked with me at the College and their hard work and dedication to ensuring that the training programme is second to none."

The Medal is awarded for Distinguished Service and entitles the recipient to use the designation QFSM after their name.

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