



## Press Release

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Three City Fire Brigade recruit firefighters (Christian Navas, Jayden Martin and Shane Brown) recently returned to Gibraltar after attending an 11-week Recruit Training Course at the Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh, UK.

Out of sixteen recruits from various Fire Services in the UK, all three achieved top grades.

This course comprised of firefighting and rescue techniques, use of pumps and ladders, breathing apparatus, hazmats, road traffic accidents and realistic scenario training.

The Silver Axe as best recruit for the most outstanding achievements both practically and academically during the course was awarded to local firefighter Shane Brown. This is the second consecutive occasion that a local firefighter has won this award.

The award was presented to firefighter Brown by City Fire Brigade Chief Fire Officer Louis Casciaro at the Fire Service College.

The three firefighters will now undertake a further five weeks of specialised training locally to cover such areas as diving, rope rescue and first responder.

The Minister with responsibility for the Fire Brigade, Yvette Del Agua has said "Gibraltar should be very proud that one of our local firefighter recruits has once again won this prestigious award, despite the high level of competition he faced from many other UK recruits. This augurs well for the future of the Brigade which is continually evolving with the times and constantly raising its professional standards".