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Gibraltar Fire and Rescue Service Officers are Reaccredited as Rope Rescue Supervisors

The Gibraltar Fire and Rescue Service has from the 28th September to 2nd October 2015 been engaged in reassessing its 11 rope rescue supervisors. The Course has been delivered Mr George Smith, an Outreach Rescue instructor, who has 25 years' experience of rope access and rescue training under his belt, training Fire Services throughout the World. These reassessment courses are conducted at two year intervals and are aimed at minimising the effects of skill fade and give our operational supervisors the opportunity to bring their technical ability up to date.

Numerous practical training events have been conducted throughout Gibraltar under the direct supervision and scrutiny of the instructor depicting various foreseeable emergency scenarios in this line of work. Our Officers have been put to the test when developing and implementing a course of action to safely and effectively resolve the many problems put to them.

Rope Rescue is one of the Organisations core subjects and the maintenance of competency levels in this area is fundamental for the efficient emergency response to our community, with the Brigade having attended several such incidents recently.

The quality of the exercise venues and the scope of the course have been enhanced thanks to Gib Docks and Blands who have allowed the GFRS to use their venues, structures or areas.