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### More success as GFRS takes Gold and Silver in Portugal.

Three members of the Gibraltar Fire & Rescue Service travelled up to Porto to take part in the Portuguese version of the Firefighter Combat Challenge.

The competition includes a 5 storey stair climb with a high-rise pack, hose hoist, forcible entry, hose advance, and a victim rescue. The primary purpose for the Firefighter Combat Challenge is to promote physical fitness, an essential part of structural firefighting, and highlight the physical demands that are faced by firefighters on a daily basis as presented to them through vigorous training and duties, which is ultimately to save property and life.

The three local firefighters drove all the way up to Porto in a vehicle kindly supplied by Toyota Gibraltar Stockholdings Ltd. The long drive has not appeared to hamper the men's determination with all men providing outstanding performances, Firefighter Eric Abudarham achieving 4th place, Firefighter Pratts earning Silver and Firefighter Coulthard finishing in the top spot to bring back the Gold. This was the last European competition ahead of this Octobers World Championships to be held in Montgomery USA.

The guys are delighted with the results but are now firmly focused on the World Championships saying "we are thrilled we were able to do ourselves and Gibraltar proud; importantly for us, putting in good performances ahead of the Worlds has given us a boost and our sights are fully set on doing Gibraltar and the Gibraltar Fire & Rescue Service proud internationally".

Firefighters Coulthard, McGrail, Abudarham and Pratts would like to thank the kind generosity of friends and local businesses which have helped support them so far. We are still seeking financial help, so if anybody would like to support us and be a part of our journey then please do not hesitate to contact us.

You can follow the team on their endeavours through their Facebook team page Firefighter Combat Team Gibraltar.