



# Rory Goldring

## Crew Commander

### What does your job entail?

My daily routine involves several important duties. I test all the fire equipment ensuring it is ready for emergency response. I am responsible for the training of crew members and ensure all training is carried out to a high standard and they are competent to carry out their responsibilities. I also carry out fire safety checks within the terminal ensuring it's safe for passengers and staff.

### How did you get into this line of work?

I was working part time as a ramp services operative loading and unloading the aircraft. A Job was advertised internally within the Airport Fire Station. I applied for the post, progressed through the recruitment process and was fortunate to be awarded the position of BCA Firefighter.

### Outline your career to date

As a teenager, I completed an apprenticeship course and worked for various companies around Belfast. I worked for a period in the North Sea on the oil rigs and even worked as a bus driver for Translink.

In relation to my job roles in the airport, I started as a Ramp Services Operative and then was fortunate to have the opportunity to apply to the BCA Fire Station. Presently I have been working as a firefighter for 18 years.

### Tell us about your qualifications and training

Presently I hold professional qualifications in NEBOSH Health and Safety, Fire Risk Assessment Pas 79, Leadership and Management Level 5 Diploma. Qualified Emergency Response Driving Trainer, Swift Water Rescue Technician and instructor, First person on scene (First Aid), PTTLs Instructor and Assessor, Power Boating Operator, Qualified Firefighter and Senior Supervisor.

### What qualities are required for your job – personal and professional?

As a fire fighter you need to be competent and have confidence in your ability. It is essential to be a good communicator and pro-active leading by example. The role requires resilience, self-discipline, and the ability to adapt to change and work to deadlines and under pressure. It is crucial to be able to work effectively within a team, Other relevant qualities include accountability, integrity, empathy and being a good listener.

### Tell us an interesting fact about yourself

I am a qualified Gliding Instructor and have over 300 hours flying time..

### Who has inspired you most in your life?

Apart from the obvious inspiration which would be my Father. In my days as an Air Cadet I had the opportunity to become a Glider Pilot, the Chief Instructor and the Boss taught me a lot about discipline, accountability, working hard, and gave me a lot of confidence in my own ability which has allowed me to do the job that I do now.

### What advice would you give your 16-year-old self?

Stay in school, work hard and get a good education although when I was young, I chose to ignore that piece of advice and as I grew older, I embraced it. I think I have done alright; it just took me a while to apply myself.