



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.