

The Fire Fighters Charity

Timeline		Interesting Facts about the charity	Vocabulary	
1940	The London Fire Service Benevolent Fund is set up by Major Jackson, London's fire chief with a donation of £24.	The charity was formed during the Second World War to support the bereaved families of firefighters who have died during the Blitz. The charity is 77 years old.	Arson	The criminal act of deliberately setting fire to property. <i>The police are treating the fire as arson.</i>
1943	The Fund nationalises to become the Fire Service National Benevolent Fund (FSNBF)	The charity supports over 5,000 firefighters and their families each year.	Bravery	Courageous behaviour or character <i>The firefighter received a medal for her bravery.</i>
1945	Almost 1,400 fire service orphans are cared for by the FSNBF.	The help might be with a physiotherapist, an exercise therapist or a psychological therapist.	Debilitating	To weaken something <i>The fire was debilitating.</i>
1953	HM Queen Elizabeth becomes the Fund's Royal Patron.	Interesting Facts about Fire Fighters	Endurance	The ability to put up with an unpleasant situation. <i>She was close to the limits of her endurance.</i>
1965	The charity opens a recuperation centre in West Sussex.	If you needed to call the fire service you ring 999 . The operator will ask you for your name and address- do you know it off by heart?	Extinguish	The firefighters used water to extinguish the fire.
1978	The Charity's co-founder, Ronnie Greene, passes away.		Flammable	A highly flammable material will easily set on fire.
1993	The Queen attends the Charity's Golden Jubilee reception.		Hazardous	The firefighters work in hazardous and dangerous situations.
2003	The Fund celebrates its Diamond Jubilee with a concert at the Royal Albert Hall.	When there are no fires, the firefighters are training at the fire station.	Inhalation	To breathe in. <i>The inhalation of smoke is very dangerous.</i>
2005	The Fund starts working with the Children's Burns Trust to support burn victims.	They put on a special uniform that protects them from the fire and helps them to breathe if it is smoky.	Recuperation	To recover from illness or exertion <i>The firefighter needed some time for recuperation.</i>
2008	The Fund changes its name to the Fire Fighters Charity.	When they are travelling to a fire they will put their sirens on so traffic knows to move out of their way.	Urgency	Something important requiring swift action. <i>The discovery of a fire gave some urgency to the situation.</i>
2013	A new rehabilitation centre opens to offer psychological support.	Firefighters don't just fight fires. They help with road accidents and teach people about fire safety.	Add to your word collection with ambitious vocabulary	
2015	The charity holds its tenth Spirit of the Fire Wards at Downing Street.	Find out more about the history of the fire service at http://www.firefighterfoundation.org.uk/history/		