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# Case Study

## Warrant Officer Adrian Clarke MIFireE

**Year joined the IFE:** 2012

**Current Job Title:** RAF Force Protection Centre  
Fire Officer

**Employer:** Royal Air Force Fire & Rescue Service

**Location:** Manston, UK

**Please describe your current role:**

I am currently employed as the specialist RAF Firefighter representative within the RAF Force Protection (FP) Centre. This is a wide ranging and challenging role, providing personnel generation and support for all RAF firefighters on deployed operations worldwide. In essence, I am responsible for the management of up to 100 personnel from generation for operations, through pre deployment training, deployment and recovery. Whilst firefighters are deployed, I operate a dedicated reach back facility to capture lessons identified and provide a problem solving function for Fire Protection specific matters.

**Please provide a brief outline of your career so far:** I joined the RAF in 1984 and following phase 2 training, I spent the next 25 years on operational Fire Stations. These roles included aerodrome operational response and Fire Safety and also structural only Fire Stations. I have served several tours in the Falkland Islands and also several across the Middle East region, including 3 tours in Iraq.

**Have you worked on any unusual or high profile projects?** Yes, many, but unable to discuss in this medium as all work is military operations related and classified as restricted.

**What attracted you to gain IFE membership?**  
To secure a recognised competency to reflect capability and diversity of employment.



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**How did you gain IFE membership?** Achieved through prior qualifications and the submission of a dissertation.

**How did you find the process and assistance you received?** Excellent. Support throughout from the application stage to receipt of award.

**How has IFE membership benefitted your career?**  
It has provided an affirmation of capability and knowledge, which provides full credibility to my current military role.

**Do you have any advice for potential members?**  
The IFE represents a very worthwhile accreditation system for firefighters. In particular, those in the military should not be daunted by the process. You are able to use APL to count towards the final award and much of what we do sits within the Fire-fighting community key skill sets at all levels.

**What are your future goals?** To continue to support the valuable work of military firefighters in a managerial capacity.