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## **The Fire Fighters Charity Sponsored Parachute Jump**

Dear Supporter,

Thank you for your enquiry! Do you want to enjoy the exhilarating and unforgettable feeling of a skydive, flying through the clouds from over 10,000 ft at up to 120 mph?! We are looking for thrill seeking fundraisers from all over the country to take on a sponsored freefall parachute jump on our behalf whilst raising invaluable funds for our cause.

The Fire Fighters Charity is a registered Charity and we are the UK's leading provider of services that enhance the quality of life for serving and retired firefighters, fire personnel and their families. Our vision is to make a positive difference by supporting people in the fire and rescue community when they are in need. Over the years, we have helped hundreds of thousands of individuals by providing world-class treatment and support services. It costs over £9 million per year to keep the Charity running, and we are completely reliant upon donations and fundraising, so your support is very much needed.

As you will see from the enclosed literature we ask you to raise a minimum of £395 in order for you to jump for free and in turn we will receive an average donation of £140. In addition to this, every extra pound that you raise over the minimum comes straight to the charity, so please try to raise as much as you possibly can!

The attached information has been produced by event's organisers Skyline who receive a flat rate per jumper for organising the jumps on our behalf. If you have any questions please ring them directly on **020 7424 5522** as they are in the best position to answer any queries you may have.

We do hope that after you have read through this information pack you decide to do a skydive for the Charity. We are in desperate need of funds in order to continue our work and don't forget, all you have to do is raise the minimum amount of sponsorship and you will get to jump for free!

Good luck with raising your sponsorship and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

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The Fire Fighters Charity

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# 10,000 FT FREEFALL PARACHUTE JUMP!



## What is it like?

Imagine standing at the edge of an open doorway in an aircraft flying at 10,000 ft - the noise of the engines and the wind ringing in your ears with only the outline of distant fields below. Now imagine leaning forward out of that doorway and letting go - falling forward into the clouds, diving down through the air as you start freefalling at over 120mph! Then imagine the peace and quiet as the canopy opens, the steering toggles come down either side of you and you begin a tranquil parachute descent from a mile up in the air, steering yourself back down to the centre of the drop zone below. Imagine being able to do this for FREE whilst harnessed to a professional freefall parachute instructor and at the same time being able to help a national charity! Stop imagining, it's real and it's happening all the time and you can be part of it...

## What does the jump involve?

Technically the jump is called a 'Tandem Skydive'. It is a Skydive because you will be freefalling through the air (without the parachute deployed) for several thousand feet; it is in Tandem because you will be harnessed to a professional parachute instructor at all times throughout the descent (see above photo). This is the only way you can jump from such an altitude without spending thousands of pounds becoming a freefall parachutist. This is literally the chance of a lifetime!

This jump is also much less demanding than the traditional 'static line' jump as the jump and training are completed in one day and your instructor will be in control of your landing.

**QUESTIONS? CALL 02074245522**

# 10,000 FT FREEFALL PARACHUTE JUMP! CONTINUED

## Points to remember:

- Jump and training completed in one day
- Harnessed to an experienced parachute instructor at all times
- Jump from at least 10,000 ft - just like the professionals
- Freefall down to 5,000 ft - falling through the air at 120 mph!
- Ride the parachute down to the ground - we teach you how to steer onto the drop zone
- Landing controlled by your instructor
- Certificate to prove that you have completed a 'two-mile high' Tandem Skydive!

## What must I do to qualify for a free jump?

All you have to do is raise £395\* (or more!) for The Fire Fighters Charity by asking your friends and colleagues to sponsor you, using our specially designed sponsorship forms which you will find at the back of this information pack. Please do not be put off by this amount - if you ask everybody you know to sponsor you, you will find you can quite easily raise the minimum £395 sponsorship and remember, every penny you raise over the minimum will be further contributing to The Fire Fighters Charity and giving you the chance to make an exhilarating freefall parachute jump for FREE!

## What do I do next?

Read the pages entitled 'Important Information' and 'Paying Your Sponsorship Money' and then simply choose a date for your jump and book online at :-

<https://www.skylineregistrations.co.uk/parachuting/booking.aspx?clientid=4475>. After that all you have to do is make an exhilarating Tandem Skydive from 10,000 feet for FREE!

**This is your chance to experience  
120mph freefall!**

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## When can I jump?

The Majority of airfields operate weekends, but there are some that open weekdays too if you would prefer! We usually recommend you book a couple of months ahead to ensure you get the date you're after, however some airfields can fit you in a lot sooner. If you'd like to call Skyline direct to check availability they will be waiting for your call!

## Where is the airfield?

The British Parachute Association approved centres that we use are located across the UK and are indicated on the enclosed map. You can select your favourite when booking in, or if you're confused take a look at the enclosed map .

## Are there any restrictions on age or health?

For a tandem skydive you must be at least 16 years old and be under 15 stone in weight. Please note some centres have lower weight limits - please contact us for details. The principal medical restrictions are diabetes, epilepsy, fits, recurrent blackouts, heart or lung disease, mental illness and some cases of asthma. You will be required to sign a medical form before your jump declaring your fitness to take part - this will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation form but is also available on request. Those under the age of 18 will need the medical form signed by a parent or guardian; those aged 40 and over, or those with a medical condition, will need it signed by their doctor.

*Pre-existing physical conditions will not necessarily prevent you from taking part but please inform Skyline of any physical condition as this may affect the location of your jump. If you are in any doubt then please contact us for further information.*

**IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION** CONTINUED

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## What about insurance?

You will automatically be covered for up to £2,000,000 third party insurance but this will not cover you for personal injury. Should you wish to take out cover for personal injury you should either arrange this through your own broker or you can contact us on the number below and we will send you a Personal Insurance Form.

## How do I book my place for a FREE jump?

To reserve your place please visit the website below:-

<https://www.skylineregistrations.co.uk/parachuting/booking.aspx?clientid=4475>. Please note you must also provide a £70 booking deposit made payable to 'Skyline' – this can be reimbursed with any offline funds you have raised once you've hit your target.

## Paying your sponsorship money

You have four weeks from the date of your jump before your money to charity is due. Full details of our sponsorship payment system are included on the following page entitled 'Paying Your Sponsorship Money'.

## Finally

We sincerely hope that you decide to give it a go - it has often been described as a thrilling 'once in a lifetime' experience and is an excellent way in which to raise funds for such a worthwhile cause. There will be lots of other people trying parachuting for the very first time on the day, so you are welcome to bring along your friends and family so they can watch you on a day you will simply never forget: The day you perform an exhilarating skydive or parachute jump in aid of The Fire Fighters Charity.

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# PAYING YOUR SPONSORSHIP MONEY

## Tandem Skydive

The following sponsorship system makes it easy for you to take part and ensures that you do not have to pay all of your sponsorship money in advance. At all airfields your jump and training costs must be covered on the day, this can be with cash or card unless you have an online donation page which you have informed us of. Your money to charity is not due until four weeks after you have completed your jump but if you have raised funds offline you will be asked to provide a post-dated cheque at the airfield. Remember, as long as you raise the minimum sponsorship level for your jump (£395\* for a tandem jump), you can recover both the cost of the booking deposit and the jump from your sponsorship money - which means you get to jump for FREE!

## Booking Deposit

Whichever airfield you jump at you must provide the standard £70 booking deposit which must be sent in advance but can be taken out of the minimum sponsorship that you raise (with offline funds, once you have reached your target.)

## Tandem Skydive

Payment for your jump will be required on the day which varies from airfield to airfield but is generally between £170-£230. You must also provide the remaining sponsorship money due to the charity but this can be post-dated by up to four weeks. This post-dated method of payment makes it as easy as possible for you, allowing you plenty of time to collect your sponsorship money after the jump before it is due to the charity. Precise instructions on how to operate the above system (including how much to pay your local airfield on the day and how much sponsorship money is due to the charity) will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation form and booking deposit.

**NOTE:** We cannot start organising your jump for you until you send in your reservation form and appropriate booking deposit - please do this as soon as possible so that we can give you the date of your choice and so that you can start preparing yourself for what has often been described as 'the experience of a lifetime'!

**Reserve your place today!**

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# CHOOSE YOUR AIRFIELD



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## ABOUT YOU

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Full name: (Please use block caps) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of event: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Fundraising online is quick and easy for you and your sponsors, as your donation is automatically sent to us.

Create a secure online sponsorship page at [www.justgiving.com/firefighterscharity](http://www.justgiving.com/firefighterscharity) or  
[www.virginmoneygiving.com/thefirefighterscharity](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/thefirefighterscharity) to make it easier for friends, family and colleagues to sponsor you.

My online giving page is called: \_\_\_\_\_

## ABOUT YOUR PAYMENT

(Please tick one box and complete the details)

You can pay in your funds raised at any local branch of Barclays Bank using one of our paying in slips or through our website at [www.firefighterscharity.org.uk/donate](http://www.firefighterscharity.org.uk/donate)

☐ I enclose £ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ I have paid £ \_\_\_\_\_ online

☐ I have banked £ \_\_\_\_\_ using paying in slip no \_\_\_\_\_ on (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

at (Where) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Call me, I'd like to make a payment over the telephone

Contact our Supporter Care Team for any help or advice on [fundraising@firefighterscharity.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@firefighterscharity.org.uk) or call  
**01256 366 581**.

## GIFT AIDING YOUR DONATION

### Turn every £1 raised into £1.25 through Gift Aid

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If your donors or sponsors are UK taxpayers, **don't forget to ask them to Gift Aid their donations!** By adding Gift Aid, we can make donations worth 25p more for every £1 given which means even more money goes towards providing support for injured firefighters and their families - and it doesn't cost a penny. Just ask your supporters to complete ALL details overleaf and make sure they tick the Gift Aid box.

The information you have provided will be used by the Charity to fulfil your request. We would also like to use your information to enable us to contact you with news and information about The Fire Fighters Charity and ways to support us.

I would like to hear from The Fire Fighters Charity about: News and Information ☐ Ways to Support us ☐

Please let us know which methods of communication you are happy to receive information from The Fire Fighters Charity by (tick all that apply)

Email ☐ Phone ☐ SMS ☐ Post ☐ If you don't want to be contacted by third parties please tick here. ☐

To save the Charity funds we will only send you an acknowledgement if you tick this box ☐

## Thank you for your support!

# GIVING SOMETHING BACK





Please return original completed forms to: Finance Dept,  
The Fire Fighters Charity, Level 6 Belvedere,  
Basing View, Basingstoke, RG21 4HG

Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

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**The Fire Fighters Charity can claim an extra 25p from HM Revenue and Customs on every pound you donate, at no extra cost to you.**

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- All details must be the donor's own handwriting.
- Must be your home address.
- All information should be legible. Please use BLOCK capitals.
- A street name without a house number/name is not valid.

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\* If I have ticked the box headed "I am a UK taxpayer", I confirm that I am a UK Income and/or Capital Gains taxpayer. I have read this statement and want The Fire Fighters Charity to reclaim tax on the donation detailed above, given on the date shown. I understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

THE FIRE FIGHTERS CHARITY SPONSORSHIP AND GIFT AID FORM

Please return original completed forms to: Finance Dept,  
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Basing View, Basingstoke, RG21 4HG

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Station: \_\_\_\_\_ Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

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Gift Aid (Please tick one box)										Hear More from The Fire Fighters Charity
I am a UK taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid my donation *see notes below										
Title	First Name /initial	Surname	Donor's home address (This must be your home address and not your work address. If you only give part of your address or your work address, your Gift Aid won't count)	Postcode	Amount donated	Date donated				
MRS	MARY	BLOGGS	100 SOMETHING ROAD, OXFORD	1234 ABC	£20.00	DD-MM-YY				✓

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