**THE FIRE FIGHTERS CHARITY NATIONAL CAR WASH**

**Make a splash at your local fire station!**

**Let’s face it, washing the car is nobody’s favourite job. So why not take the hassle out of it and head down to your local fire station for the National Car Wash.**

On **[instert date],** firefighters **from [insert location]** will be on hand to make your car sparkle. Your valued donations will go towards The Fire Fighters Charity who provide support and rehabilitation to the fire and rescue community.

Firefighting can be dangerous, stressful and traumatic. When firefighters are injured, they can be in pain and unable to work for months. Dealing with life or death situations every day often takes its toll emotionally too.

The Fire Fighters Charity has been supporting the fire services community for 75 years. The Charity started by supporting bereaved families of firefighters killed during the Blitz and has now evolved into a modern-day service that provides life enhancing health and wellbeing support to the whole fire community.

The Fire Fighters Charity is here for every one of the UK’s serving and retired members of fire and rescue staff – and their families. No other organisation provides such a full package of health and wellbeing support, exactly tailored to the needs of firefighters.

Firmly established on the fire and rescue service calendar, the National Car Wash is the Charity's largest national fundraising event of the year. As well as being a fun and popular fundraising event, the Car Wash also gives firefighters the unique opportunity to share vital community safety advice with a large cross-section of their community.

Chief Executive of The Fire Fighters Charity, Dr Jill Tolfrey, said: “The National Car Wash provides a vital source of income for the Charity, as well as being a fun and popular event. It costs £8.5million a year to keep The Fire Fighters Charity running – and with no regular government funding, we rely completely on your donations and goodwill. You can show your support to our firefighting heroes by visiting your local fire station on Saturday 3 March – and afterwards drive away safely, in a clean car!"

Chief Fire Officer [**insert name**] said: “Monies raised through national fundraising initiatives provide a real boost to The Fire Fighters Charity. We are delighted that so many of our fire stations are getting involved and would urge local people to come along and support the day. Your valued donations will go towards helping thousands of men, women and children from the fire and rescue community during their times of need.”

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Car wash events are being held at the following stations across [**insert county**]:

* [insert station name] – [confirm date in September] – [insert start and finish times]
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* [insert station name] – [confirm date in September] – [insert start and finish times]

## Ends

## Date TBC

## Notes to editors

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Insert your local contact details

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