

New Chief Inspector of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service appointed



The Scottish Government has announced the appointment of a new Chief Inspector of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Martin Emberson takes over at HM Fire Service Inspectorate in Scotland from Steven Torrie who recently retired after five years in the job.

Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs, Paul Wheelhouse, said: "I warmly welcome the appointment of Mr Emberson as Scotland's Chief Inspector of our fire service. He brings a huge breadth of experience in fire and rescue, both operationally and strategically, to this role.

"Mr Emberson has a strong history of strategic and innovative thinking and he is a welcome addition to the Inspectorate which has independent oversight of one of our vital public services.

"I would also like to take the opportunity to record my sincere thanks to Mr Torrie for his dedicated service as Chief Inspector over the last five years and his advice and wise counsel. Mr Torrie can be very proud of the positive impact he has had on shaping the outstanding Scottish Fire and Rescue Service we have today."