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Promotions at Gibraltar Fire & Rescue Service

Leading Firefighter Christian Desoiza and Firefighter Shane Brown have recently been promoted within the Operations Department of the Gibraltar Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS).

Leading Firefighter Desoiza has been posted to Red Watch after being successfully promoted to the rank of Sub Officer. He joined the Organisation in September 2001 and is currently the Officer responsible for emergency water supplies throughout Gibraltar. Throughout his career he has attended numerous local and overseas courses, including the successful completion of the Incident Command level 1 course at the Fire Service College in September 2014. Recently he undertook a Rope Rescue Instructors course in Wales and now forms part of the organisation's Cliff Rescue instructor's complement and has been tasked with developing the Brigade's operational readiness to potential incidents of this nature.

Firefighter Shane Brown has been promoted to Leading Firefighter. He joined the GFRS in January 2008 and has also attended various courses. Mr Brown is a qualified Breathing Apparatus Service and Maintenance Technician. He is responsible for modernising and developing the risks information files/database carried on all frontline appliances that support decision-making by operational officers at the incident ground. Leading firefighter Brown will be taking up duties within Blue Watch and like all the other recently promoted colleagues, will be attending the Incident Command Level 1 course at the Fire Service College in the very near future.

We wish these officers the best of luck when leading and mentoring their crews through this new phase in their careers.