

This privacy notice tells you:

- What information County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service are collecting about you
- Why we have collected it
- How it will be used

You can find out about your rights and how we will protect your data in our “Universal Privacy Notice” which can be found on our website.

Information Asset Owner – Head of Training Assets and Assurance.

Information collection area – Vehicle CCTV, Dashcams and Drones

County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service are committed to protecting safety. In order to do this, we use closed circuit television (CCTV), dashcams and/or drones.

We use Vehicle CCTV dashcams and/or drones in the following situations:

- In our fire appliances and support vehicles
- At emergency service incidents

How we collect the information about you

The information is collected on CCTV, dashcams and/or drones.

We use signs on all fire appliances and support vehicles to tell you that CCTV, dashcams and/or drones are being used in that area.

Why we are collecting your information

The use of CCTV, dashcams and/or drones helps us:

- To protect assets
- To increase personal safety of employees and members of the general public
- To deter and detect crime
- To apprehend offenders
- To manage and evaluate emergency incidents
- To evaluate accident information
- To monitor performance, quality and training
- To assist in joint operations with partner agencies

What information is being collected?

The information we are processing falls into the following categories of:

Personal data

- Personal features
- Descriptive data

How we will use your information

Recordings will be used by the Service in order to monitor and evaluate performance at incidents, to establish facts:

- during fire investigations
- after vehicle and/or personal accidents.

Recorded images may also be viewed by the Police for the prevention and detection of crime.

Our Aerial Ladder Platforms have cameras mounted at the top of the platform to gather aerial intelligence about an ongoing incident. This information helps us to determine the most efficient way to resolve the incident. Our drones are used to collect information relating to Fire Service specific incidents or when Police request us to assist them.

Data subject category

Members of General Public

Employees

Legal basis for the processing

Before we process your data, we need a legal basis for doing so.

In this case, the basis for processing your personal data is:

- In the interest of public safety, the prevention and detection of crime, apprehension and prosecution of offenders and for legal proceedings where we have a legal obligation to disclose your data held on CCTV or dashcam recordings in order to co-operate in criminal investigations
- Public task: the processing is necessary for us to perform a task in the public interest or for our official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law

- In some circumstances - Vital interests: the processing is necessary to protect someone's life.

The lawful basis for holding and processing the data comes under:

- Section 163 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994
- Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012

Who we share your information with?

Recorded images may be shared with the Police for the prevention and detection of crime and/or to assist with investigations following vehicle accidents, where applicable.

How long we hold your information for?

Under normal circumstances we will only retain your personal information for as long as it is necessary to fulfil the purposes, we collected it for. This period will include our needs in satisfying any legal, accounting, or reporting requirements. However, due to limitations with current technology within some fire service vehicles, some CCTV footage may be retained for up to a maximum of two years.

We may retain information about you beyond the time when it is necessary of the purpose, we collected it for, if that information is necessary for research and statistics or if the information should become part of our records archive serving the public interest.

More information

If you require more information, please contact our Data Protection Officer using the following email address:

dpo@ddfir.gov.uk