

## **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2014**

### **Queen's Fire Service Medal**

**Jonathan Hall, Chief Fire Officer, Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service**

Jonathan Hall is a true ambassador for Chief Fire Officers, his dedication and commitment to leading a cutting edge, modern emergency service that combines the resources of the County Council, multi-agency partners and the voluntary sectors to ensure not only a first class level of service to the communities of Gloucestershire but throughout the English Fire & Rescue Service; his dedication goes above and beyond his role of Chief Fire Officer.

As Chair of the National Resilience Board since its inception in 2008, he has provided strategic vision and leadership, and has been personally responsible for the delivery of national capabilities for responses to terrorism, natural and major disasters both within the United Kingdom and overseas. He leads the negotiation of multi-million pound grants paid to ensure the ongoing provision of national and international capabilities which include responder training, procedures and equipment.

He has attended and commanded a number of significant incidents which has included the national impact of flooding in 2007 and 2012. He led and managed a host of national capabilities and agencies and used his extensive knowledge of the funding and governance arrangements to deliver successful conclusions and limit the impacts upon the local communities and businesses of the affected areas.

He was instrumental in the development and delivery of new arrangements to support the National Framework document and the National Coordination and Advisory Framework (NCAF) for the Fire & Rescue Service. He is also a key member of the National Strategic and International Advisory Teams who are responsible for providing advice and guidance to various government departments; a prime example being the Olympic Games.

Through his tenacity, commitment, enthusiasm for challenge and his ability to deliver in times of crisis, he has recognised gaps in both local and national planning assumptions and has subsequently led on the delivery of arrangements that align to the Civil Contingencies National Risk Assessment and his latest achievement in a long line of successes is the planning for fire fighter industrial action in collaboration with CFRA, CFA National Resilience and the MoD to deliver a modified national capability for the communities of England.

He is passionate about the various roles he undertakes, and he is always prepared to make personal sacrifices to ensure the successful delivery of all challenges placed before him. He is extremely well regarded and respected by a range of stakeholders throughout the Fire & Rescue Service and the wider civil protection community.