Serco’s International Fire Training Centre (IFTC) is a leading global resource offering an unrivalled range of specialist training, education and consultancy services to the firefighting community worldwide.

With a portfolio that includes a range of aviation services including air traffic management in Europe, the Middle East and North America; support contracts for the RAF in the UK and civilian contracts, Serco employs over four hundred firefighters in its aircraft rescue and firefighting (RFFS) operations around the world and is a vital component of Serco’s overall fire capability.

Our capability
The IFTC occupies a 19-acre site in the north-east of England and is one of the most advanced fire training grounds in the world, dedicated to meeting the requirements of those working across a range of industries, including aviation, marine, industrial and offshore.

Welcoming up to 10,000 delegates from around the world each year, the residential centre has facilities that are unmatched in any other country, including real scale simulators, vast confined space rigs, gas and kerosene fires (for authenticity and resilience) and a fleet of firefighting appliances. IFTC supports the creation and maintenance of competence, compliant and cost-effective firefighting services offering professional support and advice in relation to recruitment, task and resource analysis and training programme review.

Professional Consultancy and Advisory Services
The IFTC offers a full suite of internationally recognised accreditations, educational programmes up to degree level for lifelong learning, professional development and cutting edge training technology including a highly sophisticated Virtual Reality (VR) suite. Training is rigorous and thorough with stringent and demanding standards set to ensure graduates leave with the skills knowledge and confidence necessary to deal with any type of emergency, anywhere in the world.

Aviation Fire Training
IFTC is the UK’s first and only airport fire training business to be awarded Approved Training Organisation TrainAir Plus status by the International Civil Aviation Organisation. Practical aviation firefighting training makes use of a wide range of simulators to cover all categories of airports; civilian or military. Our expert aviation instructors deliver high impact training from recruits to senior managers.

“Excellent course and Instructors. Catering and rooms to a high standard as are all staff too.”

Brian Coulburn
Fire Operations Manager
Emergency Planning, Prevention & Response
Springfields Fire & Rescue
Offshore Fire Training
All the IFTC’s offshore fire training is designed to meet the stringent demands of the Offshore Petroleum Industry Training Organisation (OPITO). IFTC delivers the full range of related firefighting training programmes which include customer bespoke courses. IFTC’s training facilities include internal and external fires, hazchem, response, rescue and emergency repair.

Industrial Fire Training
IFTC holds the Joint Industry Fire Forum (JOIFF) accreditation and delivers intensive fire and emergency response training for team members and leaders. A wide range of equipment, including bespoke training rigs and JOIFF approved courses are designed to suit particular operational requirements from mechanical and electrical repairs through confined space rescues.

Marine Fire Training
IFTC holds Maritime Coastguard Agency accreditation to provide fire related training for the maritime market. We deliver at IFTC and also through our maritime training partners at the internationally recognised Warsash Maritime Academy.

Our Facilities
- Over 25 training rigs
- 5 aviation firefighting appliances
- 1 domestic firefighting appliance
- 8 fully equipped classrooms with laboratory equipment
- BA training room
- ADMS Command and Control virtual reality suite
- Drill area
- Briefing/debriefing facilities
- 200 different emergency scenarios realistically created to meeting any training requirement
- Full personal protective equipment
- iLearn online study courses
- Onsite accommodation with bar and recreational facilities

IFTC hold the following accreditations:
- Trainair Plus
- International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)
- Offshore Petroleum Industry Training Organisation (OPITO)
- Joint Oil & Industry Fire Forum (JOIFF)
- Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA)
- Skills for Justice Awards
- The Queen’s Awards for Enterprise

“Glasgow Prestwick Airport have been sending firefighters to IFTC for a number of years. The professionalism of the IFTC instructors and the variety of scenarios make it the centre of excellence in the UK. This provides us with assurance that our firefighters are tested and trained in accordance with the relevant industry regulation.”

Greg Feighan - Fire Service Manager
Glasgow Prestwick Airport

If you want to find out more about what services we offer at IFTC visit
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