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Derbyshire's former Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive Terry McDermott has been awarded the Queen's Fire Service Medal (QFSM) in the New Year's Honours List.

Mr. McDermott retired from Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service in September 2019 following a 30 year career that saw him serve at Greater Manchester, Cheshire and Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service (DFRS).

In 2014 he left Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service and joined Derbyshire as Deputy Chief Fire Officer. He was promoted to Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive in 2015.

On hearing the news that Mr. McDermott was to be honoured with the QFSM, Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive Gavin Tomlinson said: "It's wonderful to hear that Derbyshire's former Chief, Terry McDermott has been recognised by Her Majesty the Queen and awarded the Queen's Fire Service Medal, acknowledging Terry's work to protect people from fire and other emergencies and hard work and commitment to making a difference to people's lives.

"Terry joined Derbyshire in 2014 and quickly made his mark. He was a visionary leader who was committed to the safety of Derbyshire's communities.

"Terry campaigned widely in respect of the effectiveness of fire sprinklers and was both the lead for the National Fire Chiefs' Council and the Chairman of the National Fire Sprinkler Network, working to raise the profile and understanding of how sprinkler systems can be an effective part of an overall fire safety solution.

"The honour is a fitting tribute to the hard work and dedication that Terry has shown throughout his career."

Speaking following the publication of the News Years Honours List, Mr McDermott said: "I am extremely proud to have been named in the New Year's Honours List and that I am to be

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Gavin Tomlinson
Chief Fire Officer / Chief Executive



awarded the Queen's Fire Service Medal. In my mind the medal is not only a recognition of my personal efforts, but a fitting endorsement of the efforts of everyone working at Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service and everyone connected with the National Fire Sprinkler Network, all who have embraced the operational, financial and technical challenges that we have faced and yet continue to deliver to such a high standard day after day".

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