

What does a fire fighter know?



They know that fire should never be taken for granted.
As a witness he/she quickly learns that fire's sole aim to devour and destroy.
Every second counts.
Feeling its heat, fire attacks their protective gear,
returning the water used to extinguish back at them as super-heated steam.
Battling against exhaustion, the heat induces dangerous rises in blood pressure,
profuse sweating, struggling to cool oneself against the debilitating heat.
They see tears of joy and sadness.
They hear the screams of delight, relief... of horror too.
Training, experience, equipment and each other is what they rely on.
Brotherhood above all else.
Always an individual but only able to carry out these most difficult tasks as part of a crew, a team, a family.
They never forget.
And also know that two in... means two out.
They will be a fire fighter until the last bells ring.
Fire fighters will know and suffer all of this (and more) if you tell them that you,
your loved ones, neighbours, friends or even total strangers are in need of their help.
But what none of them will ever know...
is what the next call will bring.

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