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Fireman Phil nabs Award for Biggin Hill

Biggin Hill Airport firefighter, Phillip Coates, stole the show at the recent IFTC Awards by becoming Top IFTC Firefighter Initial Course Student 2006.

At the Awards ceremony, which took place at Teesside Airport, Phil was delighted to receive the prestigious award after several months' hard work resulting in an overall pass mark of 99.2%.

Phil joined Biggin Hill Airport in January 2006 having previously worked for the Royal Air Force. The Biggin Hill fire team, under the leadership of Senior Airport Fire Officer, Andrew Mellers, had devised a rigorous pre-training schedule for Phil which started on his first day at the Airport. This schedule comprised exacting fire safety targets which had to be met each day, so by the time the course had finished in March 2006, Phil was thoroughly versed in the Initial Fire-fighters Training along with First Aid at Work and his Breathing apparatus skills.

Andrew Mellers says "we are very pleased to have Phil in the team here at Biggin Hill, he's been an exceptional member of staff and we're delighted that all his hard work has resulted in recognition with this Award."

It clearly wasn't all hard work for Phil though. He managed to find some relaxation time away from the classroom and drills to meet his girlfriend, Clare, whilst at Teesside Airport on the training course.

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(l to r) Paul Harvey, Andy Mellers, Phil Coates and Peter Lonerqan at Awards Ceremony



Phillip Coates with his girlfriend, Clare.

Andrew Mellers and Phillip Coates are available for interview

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