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Candidates for the Northamptonshire Police Force Area

On 2nd May, you will be able to vote for your
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC).

Find out who your local candidates are
and how to vote.



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About Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners

On 2nd May, you will be able to vote for your Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC). The role of the PFCC is to be the voice of the people and hold the police and fire and rescue service to account.

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners (PFCCs) are elected to hold the police force and fire and rescue service to account for delivering the kind of policing and fire and rescue service you want to see. In addition to their role overseeing the police, a PFCC is also the Fire and Rescue Authority (FRA) for their area. PFCCs bring a public voice to policing and the fire and rescue service and they do this by:

- Engaging with the public and victims of crime to help set police and crime plans;
- Setting the fire and rescue objectives for their area through a fire and rescue plan;
- Ensuring the police force and fire and rescue service budgets are spent where it matters most; and
- Appointing the chief constable and chief fire officer, holding them to account for delivery of their objectives and if necessary, dismissing them.

PFCCs are responsible for both the police force and the fire and rescue service within their area and are responsible for delivering efficient and effective services.

The PFCC does not “run” the police force or the fire service. Chief constables and chief fire officers continue to be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the police force and fire service respectively, but they are accountable to the public via the PFCC.

In some Police Force Areas, a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is elected instead – this is similar to a PFCC, but is only responsible for the police force in their area – they are not the FRA for their area. Furthermore, in some areas, neither a PCC nor PFCC is elected – instead there will be an election for a Mayor who will hold the PCC, PFCC or equivalent powers.

37 PCCs will be elected across England and Wales, of which 4 will be PFCCs – PFCCs are found in Cumbria, Essex, Staffordshire, and Northamptonshire.

Work with others

PFCCs also work with your council and other organisations to promote and enable joined up working on community safety and criminal justice. As directly elected individuals, they provide opportunities for greater collaboration and effective scrutiny of public services. In doing so, PFCCs also have regard to national cross border threats, and ensure there is an effective policing response.

With a single directly elected individual overseeing both police and fire and rescue services, there are greater opportunities for blue light collaboration.

Represent the entire community

PFCCs are required to swear an oath of impartiality when they are elected to office. The oath is designed so that they can publicly set out their commitment to: serve all of the people in their Police Force Area; act with integrity and diligence; give a voice to the public; act with transparency so that they may be effectively held to account; and not interfere with the operational independence of police officers.

Find your candidate

This booklet contains information on the candidates standing for election in the Northamptonshire Police Force Area and Fire and Rescue Service Area. You can also order a copy of this booklet in the following formats: large print, braille and audio. To place your order visit www.choosemypcc.org.uk or call **0300 1311323**.

About your vote

You need to be registered to be able to vote.

If you are not registered visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or contact your local council.

If you are registered, and eligible to vote you can either vote in person at a polling station, by post, or by proxy (allowing someone you trust to vote on your behalf).

PFCCs are elected using the first past the post voting system, where the candidate with the most votes, wins. Voters will vote by choosing a single candidate on the ballot paper. This is the same system as UK Parliamentary elections.

For more information about your vote visit:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections>.

Martyn Anthony Emberson

Conservative and Unionist Party



Election statement:

Dear Resident

I am Martyn Emberson the Conservative candidate for the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner election on the 2nd May.

The Police Fire and Crime Commissioner's job is to make sure that the Police and Fire Services focus on improving their response to evolving challenges.

After 34 years in the Fire Service, nine years as Chief Fire Officer, I know the difference between a political gimmick and world leading innovation and technology that delivers integrated emergency services.

No criminal behaviour is acceptable, the Police should enforce all laws.

Our Fire and Rescue Service must show us how to protect ourselves but be ready to deal quickly and effectively with an emergency.

- Northamptonshire has more police than ever, increasing the number of neighbourhood police officers.

- All crime is down:
 - Knife crime is down.
 - Violent crime is down.
 - Anti-Social Behaviour is down.
- New ANPR cameras have increased arrests of dangerous drivers and stolen vehicles.
- £5m additional funding for the Fire Service, meaning more firefighters, new fire engines and equipment.
- Cutting duplication, releasing more money for the front line.
- Supporting victims and witnesses of crime.
- Supporting and protecting young people with an extra £17 million additional funding for community safety.

But there is more to do, and this progress is at risk.

Others will tell you they have all the answers but won't tell you what they are.

Others say they understand the Police and Fire services but have no experience.

Others offer quick fixes that are nothing more than gimmicks.

None of these things are me. **I have a plan.** I have worked in the emergency services, I have a record of success.

Don't put at risk all the progress that has been made.

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Ana Savage Gunn

Liberal Democrats



Election statement:

The Commissioner's office is in free fall after repeated scandals. The Police Chief is suspended, and the Fire Chief can't take up their post as they are being investigated.

Public belief has been severely shaken. Morale within the services is at an all-time low. It is an almighty and embarrassing mess.

However, I believe I have a unique set of skills that can turn this around.

- I was a Senior Police Officer in the 90's here in Northants.
- An International Law Enforcement Consultant.
- Head hunted to be a Security Consultant for the Olympics.
- I am woman of integrity. When covid lockdown hit I worked in my Mum's carehome. I nursed many covid residents. Sadly, we lost 4 of 12 on my floor.
- I managed a National Covid Vaccination Centre in Moulton, Northampton for 3 years.

I believe I have the respect, knowledge and **WILL** to turn this around.

The Office of the Commissioner needs a total re-boot.

- I will perform a forensic look at the 7 million that Commissioner takes straight off the top of the Police and Fire budgets.
- I will appoint a Chief Fire Officer that actually has fire experience.
- I will raise morale and give the officers and public a Commissioner and Chief officers that they feel proud of.
- I will provide resources so that we can Improve response times and crime investigation.

It will be hard work. It will take every hour of the four years to rebuild our services.

The people of Northamptonshire have been through enough. Help me fix this.

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Danielle Stone

Labour and Co-operative Party



Election statement:

Labour Candidate for Police Fire and Crime Commissioner Northants.

We have a police service that failed its inspection in 2019. Today, the service still requires improvement in the all-important category of “Investigating Crime”.

We have an under-resourced fire service, with fewer than half of the 28 vehicles available for use most of the time, because crew levels are so low.

Crime figures for the County are shocking. 28% above the national average. Serious violent and sexual crimes have gone up.

We have 1.9 police per 1000 head of population; way under the recommended level of 3.5

Knife crime has become an urgent issue for us to tackle.

The closure of services for families and young people, years of austerity and the cost-of-living-crisis has made that much worse.

We have county lines across the county. As one is closed down, another starts up- grooming our children, offering them a way out of poverty.

Danielle will

- Work with multi-agency partners to rebuild community and prevent crime
- Make our streets safer with police back on the beat
- Tackle retail crime, ending the £200 rule which means shoplifters evade justice
- Rebuild trust in services and ensure Fire and Police maintain distinct roles
- Improve response times for both services
- Reduce violence against women and girls with a new perpetrators programme and Domestic Abuse specialists
- Invest in technologies to reduce cyber-crime, fraud, and modern slavery

A life-long community activist, a teacher, education officer and elected Councillor, Danielle will be the people's voice, scrutinising both services, and supporting the improvement journey everyone desperately needs.

I confirm this statement has been prepared by the Election Agent on behalf of Danielle Stone

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Statement by the Police Area Returning Officer for Northamptonshire

This booklet contains more information about those candidates (where provided) and other information useful to voters. The information provided by a candidate is their responsibility, and may not reflect the opinions of myself or my council.

As Police Area Returning Officer I am responsible for coordinating the election and announcing the result in Northamptonshire.

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Elections will be held in Northamptonshire on 2nd May 2024; the candidates standing in that election, alphabetically by surname (as they will appear on the ballot paper), are:

- EMBERSON, Martyn Anthony – Conservative and Unionist Party
- GUNN, Ana Savage – Liberal Democrats
- STONE, Danielle – Labour and Co-operative Party

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