



Firefighter Kinga!

**World Elder Abuse
Awareness Day 2010**

Kinga Przybylik in the driving
seat, on the training ground,
and ready for action.

Photo below, Kinga training
with Firefighter Rick Clarke.



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To celebrate *World Elder Abuse Awareness Day*, June 15th Kinga Przybylik from UK organisation “Elder Protection” became a firefighter for the day.

Kinga, joined the day watch at Newmarket Fire Station, in the county of Suffolk, after Ed Mullenger founder of “Elder Protection” and a former firefighter at Newmarket himself until he crossed the waters to join the French Fire Service in Newmarket's twin town of Maisons-Laffitte near Paris.

Ed organised the day to mark the 5th International event to bring Awareness of Elder Abuse to the attention of everyone. Kinga, took part in various training exercises after learning what equipment each Fire Engine carried and finished her training with a spell in the smoke house to get a taste of what a real fire could be like.

342.000 elderly people are abused in their own homes each year in the UK, this figure does not include Care Homes or other areas where abuse can take place. Elder Protection, receives appeals for help every week from people who suspect that their elderly parents and being financially abused by their care workers or another family member, or who are being abused in some other way. At present there is no legislation that protects Elderly People from Abuse and Elder Protection continues to lobby the Government for this. Ed, say's that David Cameron was quoted in the newspapers just before the UK Elections as being “Horrified” by the abuse of elderly people in care homes and that he would change all this, however from recent correspondence from Downing Street to Ed, it clearly shows that this is not one of his priorities for the fore see able future, and Elder Protection pledged to continue the campaign for protection to the same level as for children at the very least.

Elder Abuse is Not Acceptable! and information leaflets were also handed out to members of the Public during the day to further highlight the problems faced by elderly people.

See It... Stop It... Prevent It... Elder Abuse is a Crime! Help Stop It NOW!!

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