

*These notes refer to the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004
(c.21) which received Royal Assent on Thursday 22 July 2004*

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES ACT 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 4: Employment

Supplementary

Section 37: Prohibition on employment of police

64. This section re-enacts section 32 of the Fire Services Act 1947 and provides that no member of a police force (i.e. a police constable) may be employed as a fire-fighter. If an off-duty police officer were employed by a fire and rescue authority, for example as a retained (part-time) fire-fighter, difficulties might arise at the scene of a fire or other emergency due to confusion over which employer had the primary claim on the officer's services.