

Sabrina Cohen-Hatton



Did You Know...?

Only 3 out of every 100 firefighters in the UK are female. Sabrina wants to inspire more girls to become firefighters.

Sabrina's Childhood

Sabrina was born in Newport, South Wales in 1983. Sabrina's life was hard when she was a teenager. She became homeless when she was 15 years old and she did not have any family to support her. Sabrina sold magazines to help her to make money to buy food and to rent a flat.



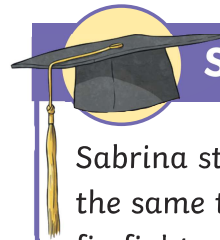
Sabrina's Career



Sabrina applied to join the fire service when she was 18 years old. She was the first female firefighter to work at her station. Sabrina loves her job and she wants to do the best that she can every day.



Sabrina now works as the Chief Fire Officer of the West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service. This means that Sabrina has to make sure that all of the firefighters who work with her stay safe and that they help as many people as they can in the best way possible. She has written a book all about her job and what it is like to be a firefighter.



Sabrina's Studies

Sabrina started to go to university at the same time as she was working as a firefighter. She would fight fires in the daytime and read books at night.

Sabrina was interested in how firefighters make important choices in difficult situations and she wanted to learn more about how she could help her fellow firefighters to make fewer mistakes when fighting fires.

She attached cameras to the helmets of commanders who were attending fires and then she watched the videos that had been recorded so that she could try to understand how they make choices.

After doing this, Sabrina came up with three important questions that all firefighter commanders now ask themselves when they are making difficult choices:

1. What is the goal?
2. What do I expect to happen?
3. Are there more good things that will happen if I act or more bad things?

Sabrina has won many awards for her research and she has worked with fire services around the world.



Questions

1. Which of these statements is true? Tick one.

- ☐ Sabrina's first role in the fire service was as a Chief Fire Officer.
- ☐ Sabrina went to university before becoming a firefighter.
- ☐ Sabrina has written a magazine about her life as a teenager.
- ☐ Sabrina was the first female firefighter to work at her station.

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they happened in.

- ☐ Sabrina began to study how firefighters make important choices.
- ☐ Sabrina came up with three important questions.
- ☐ Sabrina watched the videos that had been recorded.
- ☐ Sabrina attached cameras to the helmets of commanders.

3. How old was Sabrina when she joined the fire service? Tick one.

- ☐ 15
- ☐ 16
- ☐ 17
- ☐ 18

4. Draw **four** lines and match each sub-heading to one fact that you learnt in that section.

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5. Fill in the missing words.

She would fight _____ in the daytime and read _____ at night.

6. What is the third of the three important questions that Sabrina came up with?

7. Think of an adjective that you would use to describe Sabrina Cohen-Hatton and use evidence from the text to explain your answer.
