

Michael Doherty, Hon. Vice President & Trustee

Michael Doherty BEM, GFireE
Founder Member of Operation Florian
Former Chairman of Operation Florian
Currently Honorary Vice President of Operation Florian
Founder Member of UKFSSART

Projects

Russia, Armenia, Romania, Northern Iraq, Croatia, Bosnia, Mozambique, 9/11, Paraguay, Montenegro, Kosovo, Chernobyl, Belarus.

Profile

Born in Preston in 1955, former employee with Sun Alliance Insurance Company and previously heavily involved with Mountain rescue. Joined Lancashire County Fire Brigade in December 1975 and currently Station Commander at Bamber Bridge. Started project work within the Fire Service following the Armenian earthquake disaster then in 1991 was chosen to serve in "Operation Safe Haven" in Northern Iraq.

Following this experience was a founder member of UKSSART involved in the training, selection and mobilisation of the Teams to many disaster areas of the world.

Along with this, collaborated with Steve Owen-Hughes (President of Operation Florian) in about 1993 and became one of the founder members of Operation Florian as it stands today.

Having witnessed the devastation in the Balkans at first hand during the war. I was inspired by the vision of Steve and decided to work alongside him in developing what has now become a formidable Non Government Organisation.