

*These notes relate to the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005
(asp 5) which received Royal Assent on 1 April 2005*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT – SECTION BY SECTION

Part 2 – Fire and Rescue Services

Chapter 9 – Employment

Section 51 – Prohibition on employment of police

75. This section re-enacts section 32 of the 1947 Act and provides that a relevant authority may not employ a police constable as a fire-fighter. If an off-duty constable was employed by a relevant authority, for example as a fire-fighter on the retained duty system and available for response by pager call, difficulties may arise at the scene of a fire or other emergency due to confusion over which employer has the primary claim on the constable's services.