



# News Release

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## Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Announces 2023 Wholetime Firefighter Recruitment

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service is thrilled to announce the launch of our 2023 Wholetime Firefighter recruitment campaign. This presents a unique opportunity for individuals seeking a challenging, yet rewarding career and making a lasting impact on our local communities.

Firefighting is just one aspect of our Firefighters' responsibilities. They also play vital roles in responding to a wide range of emergencies; including road traffic collisions, chemical incidents, animal rescues, and more. Our commitment extends beyond emergency response to proactive safety measures aimed at reducing preventable incidents through public education and support.

Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, Callum Faint, expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "We are excited to announce the launch of our 2023 Wholetime Firefighter recruitment. This presents a great opportunity for those who seek a challenge and aspire to make a real difference in the communities of Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland."

We sat down with one of our dedicated Firefighters, who recently completed their first year of training. They shared their perspective: "Being a Firefighter is different to any other job out there, but it's rewarding, and you never know what will happen during the day. It is hard work, but if you enjoy a challenge and want to help people in your community, then it is the perfect job for you!"

### Qualifications and Requirements

To apply for a Wholetime Firefighter role with us, you must meet the following essential requirements:

- Reside in Leicester, Leicestershire, or Rutland at the time of application.
- Be prepared to undergo a Basic Disclosure Check.
- Be eligible to work in the UK.
- Be prepared to work days, nights, weekends and occasional public holidays

Detailed information about the application process, including entry requirements, is available on our website's Frequently Asked Questions section. The recruitment portal for Wholetime Firefighter applications is now open.

The application deadline is Wednesday, September 6, 2023, so don't miss this opportunity!

To apply for a Firefighter position, visit [www.leics-fire.gov.uk/wholetime](http://www.leics-fire.gov.uk/wholetime) and follow the steps leading to the recruitment portal.

### **A Career with Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service**

A career with Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service promises an exciting and rewarding journey with ample opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service actively promotes diversity and inclusion in our workforce, and we encourage individuals from all backgrounds to consider joining our team.

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### **Notes to Editors:**

Interviews can be arranged through prior arrangement with Corporate Communications on the details below.

### **About the Service**

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service provides emergency response, prevention and protection services from 20 stations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Its headquarters is based in Birstall, Leicester.

During 2021/22, we attended a total of 8,259 emergency incidents, including 1,968 fires and 707 road traffic collisions. A total of 12,938 Home Safety Checks were completed and we fitted 3,546 smoke alarms. 233 schools were visited as part of the Service's schools programme, delivering fire and road safety education to 6,724 pupils.

The Service's prevention, education, enforcement and inspection programmes have resulted in significant reductions in the number of incidents attended.

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