



LEICESTERSHIRE

FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

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INTRODUCTION OF DAY CREWING AT MARKET HARBOROUGH FIRE AND RESCUE STATION

As a result of the Integrated Risk Management Plan 2015/16, changes are taking place within Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service to help further improve the service they offer to their local communities.

From 07:00 on Wednesday 28 September 2016, Market Harborough Fire and Rescue Station will be staffed by full time firefighters working seven days a week, between 07:00 – 18:00. This crew will join the On-Call crew already attached to the station who are providing an essential service to the local community to ensure 24 hour fire and rescue cover.

The change will lead to the Service being better prepared to respond more quickly to emergency incidents during the periods that they are most likely to occur. This will help improve the Service's operational response capability and increase the capacity to deliver the community safety strategy - helping us provide a better service to all residents, businesses and visitors in the Harborough District.

The capability to respond in a timely manner is achieved by the introduction of the Wholetime Day Crew which will eliminate the five minute delay in operational response (while On-Call crews travel from their homes to the station to respond). As the response times are reduced it will lead to crews having the ability to cover larger geographical areas within the 10 minute attendance times set. Having a Wholetime Day Crew in place will also present the Service with the opportunity to increase the delivery of our community safety work, reducing the residual risk to the communities of Harborough.

With our duty to protect our local communities, the Service wants to do the utmost to make sure that the station is fully operational at all times and now have something in place to help provide the very best cover 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We hope these changes, which were originally proposed in our Integrated Risk Management Plan, will be seen as a positive for the communities in Market Harborough and the wider Harborough District.

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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.

The Service's prevention, education, enforcement and inspection programmes have resulted in significant reductions in the number of incidents. In the last five years, fire related incidents have reduced by 32.6 percent.

During 2014/15, the Service attended 619 road traffic collisions, of which 155 were extrications freeing 194 people trapped inside their vehicles and completed 4316 home fire safety checks, fitting almost 4339 smoke alarms. Staff organised or supported almost 1590 events aimed at promoting fire and road safety and arson prevention, whilst also visiting 314 schools to deliver fire and road safety education to pupils.

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