



LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

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APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF FIRE AND RESCUE OFFICER

On Wednesday 14 December a Combined Fire Authority meeting took place and the appointment of the Chief Fire and Rescue Officer was made. The whole Service is delighted by this appointment and are looking forward to a secure future with Steve Lunn in charge.

Nicholas Rushton, Chair of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority, said: "On behalf of the Combined Fire Authority I am very pleased to announce that Mr Steve Lunn has today been appointed as Chief Fire and Rescue Officer."

"Steve has a wealth of experience within the Service which gives him the required depth of knowledge and understanding to lead the Service in meeting the challenges going forward."

"I believe he has the personal drive and professional commitment to meet the strategic, operational and political challenges required of the role and I am confident that he will build on progress made since his appointment as interim Chief Fire and Rescue Officer earlier this year."

Steve Lunn, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, said: "I'm delighted to be appointed as Chief Fire and Rescue Officer and I'm looking forward to working with the Combined Fire Authority and Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service for many years to come."

"I hope to build on the progress that has already been made in my short time in the interim position and I'm ready for any challenges that may come my way whilst I'm Chief Fire and Rescue Officer."

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Notes to editors: Steve Lunn, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, will be available for media work with prior arrangement through the Corporate Communications team. A photo of Steve is also available on request.

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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