



LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

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LFRS RECRUITING ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS



Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service are excited to announce that, following the recent Wholetime Recruitment campaign, we are now open to applications for our On-Call firefighter roles. We are recruiting On-Call firefighters at:

- Shepshed Fire and Rescue Station
- Ashby Fire and Rescue Station
- Coalville Fire and Rescue Station
- Wigston Fire and Rescue Station
- Billesdon Fire and Rescue Station
- Oakham Fire and Rescue Station
- Uppingham Fire and Rescue Station
- Kibworth Fire and Rescue Station
- Market Harborough Fire and Rescue Station
- Lutterworth Fire and Rescue Station

(Please note that as an On-Call firefighter you must live or work within four minutes of the above stations, with the exception of Billesdon Fire and Rescue Station which is six minutes).

Our On-Call firefighters carry an alerter and respond to emergency calls, where they face all kinds of challenges from floods to road traffic accidents, during periods when they are available. They receive an annual retaining fee dependant on the number of hours they are available, as well as payments for attending and turning out at emergency calls, attending 'drill nights' and other duties.

The deadline for submitting an application is Wednesday 5 July, so don't delay! There are a number of essential requirements you will need to meet in order to be considered for an On-Call firefighter role, and these can be found by visiting our website: www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/recruitment.

A number of the On-Call fire and rescue stations will be holding 'Have A Go' events over the next few weeks, with the aim of giving people an insight into what the role of an On-Call firefighter entails as well as the required strength, fitness and aptitude levels needed. This will also give people interested in a role, a chance to find out more information on how rewarding a career as an On-Call firefighter in the fire and rescue service is and what paths of progression there may be. If you are interested in attending one of these events, get in touch with your local On-Call fire and rescue station. They will be able to inform you of the dates and times of the 'Have A Go' events being held.

Steve Lunn, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, said: "On-Call firefighters play a vital role at Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service and they help us provide the very best service to the local communities we serve."

"We hope to encourage members of local communities to come forward, find out more about being an On-Call firefighter and ultimately apply."

"This is a real opportunity for members of our local communities looking for a rewarding job where they are also giving something back to their local community."

For more information on our On-Call recruitment campaign, visit our website www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/recruitment.

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Notes to editors: Interviews can be arranged with prior arrangement via Corporate Communications.

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 ten years, fire related incidents have reduced by 46 percent.

During 2015/16, the Service attended 666 road traffic collisions, of which 174 were extrications freeing 208 people trapped inside their vehicles and completed 5086 home fire safety checks, fitting almost 4481 smoke alarms. Staff organised or supported almost 1431 events aimed at promoting fire and road safety and arson prevention, whilst also visiting 332 schools to deliver fire and road safety education to pupils.

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