



LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

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CENTRAL CELEBRATE 90 YEARS WITH STATION OPEN DAY

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service are excited to announce that on Saturday 9 September, 13:00 – 17:00 hours, Central Fire and Rescue Station will be celebrating its 90th anniversary by holding a very special Community Station Open Day. This is a significant milestone for the station and Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service. We are inviting lots of people to help us make the day special, and this invitation is extended to everyone in our local communities.

Central Fire and Rescue Station was built by Clark and Garrett at a cost of approximately £39,000. It was opened on 6 July 1927 and at the time, it was reported to be far in advance of any other fire and rescue station in the country. 90 years on, it remains to be our city's flagship fire and rescue station.

This Community Station Open Day/90th anniversary celebration is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy a day out, with lots of activities and attractions, as well as providing an opportunity to learn more about the work your local fire and rescue station is involved in. Firefighters will also be on hand to provide **FREE** safety advice and make the day really memorable for everyone.

There will be road traffic collision demonstrations showing the equipment the Service uses to free people trapped in vehicles, rescue drill demonstrations and a chance to get a closer look at our fire engines. Our younger visitors can explore our Smoke House, have fun on fairground rides and take part in the games hosted throughout the day. There will also be a variety of food and drink available throughout the day, for both adults and children.

Where to find Central Fire and Rescue Station:

Lancaster Place, Lancaster Road, Leicester, LE1 7HB

Parking is available on the day at either the multi-storey car park across from the station, or at Regent College – please bear in mind that spaces are limited and spaces will be taken on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Steve Lunn, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, said: "Our Community Station Open Days are always a highlight for us, and this one is really special because of the 90th anniversary theme"

"Central's Community Station Open Day promises to be bigger and better than any we have held before, so don't miss it."

"There will be lots for the family to see and do on the day, so if you can make it come down – we would love to see as many of you there as possible."

"This open day will be followed by more Community Station Open Days held by other stations, so if you are unable to make it this weekend, be sure to check when the other events are taking place."

For more information on our Community Station Open Days, or to find out when they will be taking place, visit www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/whats-happening/community-station-open-days.

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Notes to editors: Interviews are available at request via Corporate Communications using the details shown below. Photos will be available after the Community Station Open takes place at 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 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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