



LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

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LFRS ARE RECRUITING ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS



Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service are excited to announce that, following the successful Wholetime Recruitment campaign, we are now accepting applications for our On-Call firefighter roles.

On-Call firefighters are essential to maintaining Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service's response capability so we can protect the communities we serve. All new recruits receive high quality training and gain transferable skills including first aid, trauma training and fire safety. Being an On-Call firefighter is a really rewarding job, and a great way of meeting local people. Contracts are variable, ranging from 48 - 120 hours on-call per week.

On-Call firefighters respond to a wide range of emergencies via an alert on a pager, during periods when they are on-call. They receive an annual retaining fee dependant on the number of hours they are available, as well as an hourly rate for turning out at emergency calls, attending training nights and other duties.

We are recruiting On-Call firefighters at:

- Hinckley Fire and Rescue Station
- 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

The deadline for submitting an application is Wednesday 25 October, 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 our On-Call fire and rescue stations are 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 the chance to find out more information on how rewarding a career in the fire and rescue service is, and what paths of progression are available.

If you are interested in attending one of these events, go to www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LFRS-awarenessday where you will be able to see the dates and locations of any upcoming Have A Go events, and register your interest. For more information on the recruitment process, Have A Go events, and tips on improving your fitness, see our website www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/recruitment, our Twitter @LeicsFireRescue or our Facebook @LeicsFireRescue.

Steve Lunn, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, said: "On-Call firefighters play a vital role at Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service, helping us to 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 local people 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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