



LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

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2017 WHOLETIME RECRUITS PASSING OUT PARADE

Time: Friday 10 November at 13:00hrs

**Location: Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh,
Gloucestershire**

Following an extensive recruitment process which commenced in February this year, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service are pleased to announce the passing out of 24 new wholetime firefighter recruits. The recruits, which are the first cohort to join the Service in over five years, have spent the past eight weeks at the Fire Service College in Moreton-in-Marsh, undergoing intensive training.

Currently in their penultimate week, the recruits will spend the next week at the Fire Service College fire station before showing off their newfound skills in front of family and friends at their passing out parade on Friday 10 November.

Following their passing out parade, the recruits will spend a week with LFRS' Learning and Development department, undergoing conversion training, where they will learn training which is specific to Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service. They will then spend a week on annual leave before being assigned to stations around the county for their first of three rotational placements.

Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, Steve Lunn, said: "This is a fantastic achievement, to not only have been successful in the recruitment process, but to have passed eight weeks of intensive training at the Fire Service College."

"This is a huge milestone for the Service, and we look forward to seeing each of our new recruits progress in their careers as firefighters with Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service".

Attendance to this media opportunity must be confirmed by 17:00 hrs on Friday 3 November due to strict security at the Fire Service College.

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Notes to editors: Interviews and photo opportunities will be available on the day and can be arranged via Corporate Communications prior to the event taking place. Attendance must be confirmed due to strict security at the Fire Service College.

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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