

News Release

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We Are Recruiting A Further 15 Wholetime Firefighters

Using succession planning information, and building on the success of their Wholetime firefighter recruitment campaign last year, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service are excited to announce their plans to recruit a further 15 Wholetime firefighters to satisfy future demands in their workforce.

Whether you have aspirations of being a firefighter, or you're looking to change career, this is the ideal opportunity to make a real difference in your community.

The Service endeavours to reflect their diverse communities in their workforce, and consequently are appealing to those living in the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland area who think they would make a great addition to the Service. They are specifically interested in attracting women, those who are from a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic background, those who identify as LGBT+ or those who have certain disabilities (e.g. Dyslexia/ Dyspraxia), to consider a career with the Service.

The Service is currently planning a number of taster events for anyone to have a go and find out more. Details of these events will be announced on their website and social media channels in the coming weeks.

The Service asks that people interested in applying do not call them at this stage to find out when the opening date for applications will be announced. This will be published widely via their social media channels and local media. Alternatively, please check their website regularly where further information will be published:

www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/careers-with-us/recruitment

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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 43 percent.

During 2016/17, the Service attended 694 road traffic collisions, of which 148 were extrications from vehicles, in addition to 2,259 fires. 272 schools were visited as part of the Service's schools programme, delivering fire and road safety education to pupils. Staff organised or took part in 1,613 community safety events, promoting fire and road safety and arson prevention, and 145 Virtual Fatal Four (VF4) events as part of the Service's young drivers' road safety project.

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