

Media Opportunity

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Leicester Tigers Team Build at Birstall Fire Station

Time: Thursday 9 August, from 09:30hrs

Location: Birstall Fire Station, Geoff Monk Way, Leicester

On Thursday 9 August, Birstall Fire Station is playing host to the Leicester Tigers Development Squad for a team-building day with a difference.

The day will include both fitness-related exercises, including running hoses out, experiencing the dark depths of the smoke house, and undertaking the fire service fitness test required by all operational staff.

In addition, the squad will experience Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service's award-winning road safety virtual reality experience and state-of-the-art VF4 car.

They are looking for both local and national media to attend this day, to raise awareness of the diverse work fire and rescue services undertake – not just fighting fires. It's also an amazing opportunity to meet some of Leicester's future stars and watch how they take on a number of firefighting challenges.

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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 on the details below.

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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