

News Release

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On-Call Firefighter Vacancies at Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service are excited to announce they are open to applications for their On-Call firefighter roles. They are recruiting On-Call firefighters at the following stations:

- Ashby Fire and Rescue Station
- Billesdon Fire and Rescue Station
- Coalville Fire and Rescue Station
- Hinckley Fire and Rescue Station
- Market Harborough Fire and Rescue Station
- Oakham Fire and Rescue Station
- Uppingham Fire and Rescue Station
- Wigston Fire and Rescue Station

(Please note that On-Call firefighters must live and/or work within a set travel time from their fire and rescue station. This can be discussed and agreed with the relevant managers for each fire and rescue station).

Their On-Call firefighters play an important role to their operational response. They carry an alerter and respond to emergency calls, where they face all kinds of challenges. This is a paid role. Your pay depends on personal availability and the number of calls you respond to.

The deadline for submitting an application is **Wednesday 10 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 leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/recruitment.

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service are holding several Have A Go days over the next few weeks to give an insight into what an On-Call firefighter does and the required strength, fitness and aptitude levels needed. You will also find out how rewarding a career as an On-Call firefighter is. The Have A Go days taking place are:

- Billesdon Primary School, Thursday 27 September, 16:00 – 19:30 hours
- Ashby Fire Station, Sunday 30 September, 10:00 – 15:00 hours

- Wigston Fire Station, Thursday 4 October, 16:00 – 20:00 hours

To attend one of the above events, email oncallinfo@lfrs.org or drop-in to the Have A Go day during the time period stated.

If you are unable to attend the Have A Go days, get in touch with your local On-Call fire and rescue station. You may be able to attend their weekly drill night, where you will find out more about the role and meet your potential future colleagues.

Rick Taylor, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, said: "On-Call firefighters play a vital role at Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service and they help us provide the very best service to the local communities we serve."

"We hope to encourage members of our local communities to come forward, find out more about being an On-Call firefighter and ultimately apply for a role."

"This is a real opportunity for members of our local communities 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 leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/recruitment.

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Notes to editors:

Interviews can be arranged through prior arrangement with Corporate Communications 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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