

News Release

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Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Open For Applications

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service are excited to announce that their recruitment website will open for applications on Wednesday 10 October. This is a fantastic opportunity to join us for an exciting and rewarding career.

The application process opens on Wednesday 10 October and closes midnight Tuesday 23 October.

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service will supply documents on their website to assist you throughout the recruitment process, and these can be found by visiting leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/wholetime.

Rick Taylor, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, said: "This is a real opportunity for members of our local communities looking for a new job or even a change in their career."

"We are recruiting for new firefighters to start training in April 2019. We are looking for the highest calibre candidates as part of our blended approach to maintain our frontline staff numbers and we are keen for these new staff to reflect our local communities."

"This is an extremely exciting time for all involved and we can't wait for the new firefighters to start to make a real difference across our communities!"

For more information on our recruitment campaign and to apply for a firefighter position, visit leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/wholetime and follow the steps taking you through to the recruitment portal.

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Notes to editors:

We are looking at recruiting around 34 frontline staff up to 2020. This will be achieved by a blended approach of new recruits and transferees.

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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