

# Media Opportunity

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## 2019 Wholetime Recruits Passing Out Parade

**Time: Friday 28 June 14:00hrs to 17:00hrs**  
**(14:00hrs Road Traffic Collision Demonstration, 16:00hrs Formal Award Ceremony)**

**Location: Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse, Leicestershire, LE12 8TX**

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service will welcome eight new wholetime firefighters to the Service next week, following completion of their training.

At a passing-out parade at Beaumanor Hall in Woodhouse, Leicestershire, on Friday 28 June, the eight new recruits will formally join the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service family.

Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, Rick Taylor, said: "The passing-out parade marks the end of their intensive 12-week training course and the beginning of their operational career.

"During the last 12-weeks, the trainees have developed their skills and knowledge in all aspects of fire and rescue. The passing-out parade is an opportunity to celebrate their achievements with their friends and family, and to be officially welcomed to the Service."

In front of senior fire and rescue officers, friends and family, the firefighters will demonstrate their newly acquired skills by carrying out a simulation of a road traffic collision involving a number of trapped people.

Following the demonstration, in a formal ceremony, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer Rick Taylor will award the new firefighters with a certificate for the completion of their training.

In addition to the certificates, awards will be given out for the most improved firefighter (Endeavour Award) and outstanding firefighter (Silver Axe Award).

Attendance to this media opportunity must be confirmed by contacting Corporate Communications.

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**Notes to Editors:**

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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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