

News Release

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Applications Open for Wholetime Firefighters at Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service

Could you make a difference to your community, and help contribute to 'safer people, safer places'?

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service are recruiting Wholetime firefighters at a number of stations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

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.

Rick Taylor, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, said: "Being a firefighter at Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service offers you an exciting and rewarding career with a real opportunity for progression. You may have the perception that the fire and rescue service only put out fires, but this is far from reality."

As a firefighter, you will respond to incidents, but you will also take part in prevention and protection work in order to help reduce the range of incidents happening in the first place. This is done through educating the communities and businesses in the local area.

Rick Taylor added: "You will need to make sure you can communicate and teach best practices to households and businesses in order to help create our Service purpose statement of 'safer people, safer places'.

"As a firefighter every day is different and we can't wait for the new firefighters to start to make a real difference across our communities."

The recruitment website for applications for Wholetime firefighter vacancies is now open.

The deadline for submitting an application is Monday 16 September 2019, so don't delay!

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

There are also a number of downloadable documents on the website, with more in depth information to help assist you throughout the recruitment process.

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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.

During 2018/19, the Service attended 762 road traffic collisions, of which 125 were extrications from vehicles, in addition to 2,569 fires. We carried out 6,746 home safety checks and fitted 4,790 smoke alarms. 279 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 1,068 community safety events, promoting fire and road safety and arson prevention, and 134 Virtual Fatal Four (VF4) events as part of the Service's young drivers' road safety project.

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 over 30 percent.

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