

# News Release

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## **On-Call Firefighter Have A Go Days Announced**

Ahead of next months On-Call firefighter recruitment, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service are running a number of 'Have A Go' days for potential future firefighters.

The Service will be recruiting for On-Call firefighters in the new year. To give people the chance to experience what it is like to be a firefighter, four 'Have A Go' days will take place over the next few weeks.

The 'Have A Go' days give people an insight into what an On-Call firefighter does and the required strength, fitness and aptitude levels needed. It also gives people the chance to find out for themselves how rewarding a career as an On-Call firefighter can be.

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 honest members of our local communities, who are looking for a rewarding job where they can also give something positive back to their local community."

Our professional On-Call firefighters play an important role to operational response. They carry an alerter and respond to emergency calls, where they face all kinds of challenges within your local community, helping to create safer people and safer places. It is a paid role and is dependent on your personal availability and the number of calls you respond to.

If you are interested in becoming an On-Call firefighter, 'Have A Go' days are taking place at the following locations:

- Sunday 12 January 2020, 10:00 – 15:00 hours, Uppingham Sports Centre, Leicester Road, Uppingham
- Tuesday 14 January 2020, 18:00 – 20:00 hours, Central Fire and Rescue Station, Lancaster Road, Leicester
- Sunday 19 January 2020, 10:00 – 15:00 hours, Hinckley Fire and Rescue Station, Leicester Road, Hinckley
- Sunday 26 January 2020, 10:00 – 15:00 hours, Wigston Fire and Rescue Station, Bull Head Street, Wigston

To attend one of the above events, visit [leics-fire.gov.uk/on-call](https://leics-fire.gov.uk/on-call) to book your place.

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.

The recruitment website will open for applications for On-Call firefighter roles on Thursday 2 January, and will close on Wednesday 29 January 2020.

There are a number of essential requirements you will need to meet in order to be considered for an On-Call firefighter role. These can be found by visiting [leics-fire.gov.uk/on-call](https://leics-fire.gov.uk/on-call).

**(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).**

For more information on our On-Call recruitment campaign, visit our website [leics-fire.gov.uk/on-call](https://leics-fire.gov.uk/on-call) or email [oncallinfo@leics-fire.gov.uk](mailto:oncallinfo@leics-fire.gov.uk) .

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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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