

# Media Opportunity

Issued on: Monday 2 December 2019

## Long Service Celebrations for Fire and Rescue Service

**Date: Friday 6 December 2019**

**Time: From 13:30 hours**

**Location: Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse, Leicestershire**

On Friday 6 December, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service will be holding their prestigious annual awards ceremony at Beaumanor Hall in Woodhouse, Leicestershire.

They will be formally recognising the achievements of firefighters and support staff, for their service to the fire and rescue service and local community.

In total, 12 members of staff will receive an award on this special day. Eight members of operational staff will receive Long Service, Good Conduct medals, presented by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire, Mike Kapur, in recognition of 20 years' service.

An additional three members of operational staff and one support staff member will also receive Long Service Certificates in recognition of 30 years' loyal service to the fire and rescue service. These will be presented by the Chair of the Combined Fire Authority, Nicholas Rushton.

Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, Rick Taylor, said: "I am very proud and honoured to formally recognise the achievements of many of our staff, for their dedication to the Service and to our communities of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

"There is an additional award this year for Maya, our Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) dog, who with her handler Chris Pritchard, has undertaken exceptional work over the last ten years. It is with much pleasure that we acknowledge this achievement too.

"I would like to thank our special guests, Mike Kapur, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire, and the Chair of the Combined Fire Authority, Nicholas Rushton for attending and helping to make this day very special."

We are looking to both local and national media to raise the profile of this event and would welcome your attendance.

**Where to find Beaumanor Hall:**

Woodhouse, Leicestershire, LE12 8TX

If you are travelling to the event by car, parking on site may be available but will be limited.

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

For more information about Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service, visit [leics-fire.gov.uk](http://leics-fire.gov.uk).

**ENDS**

**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.

**Contact:**

Corporate Communications

Direct: 0116 210 5592

[Corporate.communications@leics-fire.gov.uk](mailto:Corporate.communications@leics-fire.gov.uk)