

# News Release

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## **On-Call Firefighter Vacancies at Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service**

The Service is recruiting On-Call firefighters at a number of On-Call stations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Our professional On-Call firefighters play an important role to operational response, working alongside Wholetime firefighters. Being an On-Call firefighter, you will carry an alerter and respond to emergency calls, where you will face all kinds of challenges within your local community helping to make safer people and safer places.

**In order to respond to emergencies within set attendance times, you must live and/or work within a set travel time from the fire and rescue station you serve. (This can be discussed and agreed with the relevant managers for each fire and rescue station).**

On-Call firefighters do not work full-time, but are paid to spend some periods of their time available on-call to respond to emergency incidents. Many have full-time jobs, others maybe self-employed or stay at home parents.

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

**The recruitment website for applications for On-Call firefighter vacancies is now open.**

The deadline for submitting an application is **Wednesday 13 May 2020**, so don't delay!

Unfortunately, due to the current Coronavirus pandemic and the lock down and social distancing requirements, we cannot offer the taster 'Have A Go' day sessions that we would normally run as part of our On-Call firefighter recruitment.

Instead, we will be running a number of online On-Call firefighter recruitment Question and Answer sessions via Zoom. Here you will be able to talk to On-Call staff to find out what it is like to be an On-Call firefighter and get an insight into the recruitment process.

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 members of our local communities looking for a rewarding job where they are also giving something back to their local community.

"We look forward to seeing and hearing from you and hope, this will be the first step to you joining our family."

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

\*Future dates for the next stage of recruitment process are subject to change due to the current COVID-19 situation.

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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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