

News Release

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On-Call Firefighter Recruitment – Opens Tomorrow!

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service are pleased to announce that applications for On-Call firefighters will open tomorrow (Wednesday 12 May).

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.

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.

Callum Faint, 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.

"It's a real opportunity for those looking for a rewarding job where they are also able to give something back to their local community."

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.

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 will open on **Wednesday 12 May 2021**.

The deadline for submitting an application is **23:59 hours on Sunday 23 May 2021**, so don't delay!

Feeling inspired? The Service is running a number of virtual workshops, which are designed to support and guide potential applicants through the On-Call firefighter recruitment process, covering topics such as what to expect with the application, fitness and nutrition, equality, diversity and inclusion.

Virtual workshops are taking place on the following dates:

- Wednesday 12 May; 6:45pm to 7:45pm
- Wednesday 12 May; 8pm to 9pm
- Wednesday 19 May; 6:45pm to 7:45pm
- Wednesday 19 May; 8pm to 9pm

The Service is also holding a 'Have a Go' taster day at Central Fire Station, in Leicester this Sunday (16 May). The day will give you an insight into what the role of a firefighter entails, as well as the required strength, fitness and aptitude levels. It will also give you the chance to find out more information on how rewarding a career in the fire and rescue service is, and what paths of progression there are.

This 'Have a Go' day* is for anyone who is interested in applying to become an On-Call firefighter, but not sure what the job entails or where to start. The event is free, and there is no obligation to apply to be an On-Call firefighter if you attend, but we'd love it if you do! Equally, you do not have to attend a 'Have a Go' day to be eligible to apply; it simply gives you an understanding of the job-related tests you will need to successfully complete upon application, and allows you to ask any questions you may have.

**Please note: This will be a COVID-19 compliant event and government guidance will be adhered to.*

To book on a workshop or Have a Go day session and to find out more, visit www.leics-fire.gov.uk/on-call.

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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 2019/20, we attended a total of 8,541 emergency incidents, including 2,079 fires and 748 road traffic collisions. A total of 7,274 Home Safety Checks were completed and we fitted 4,720 smoke alarms. 305 schools were visited as part of the Service's schools programme, delivering fire and road safety education to 26,218 pupils. Staff organised or took part in 1,218 community safety activities, totalling over 11,000 hours of time engaging with members of the public.

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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