

News Release

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On-Call Firefighter Recruitment – Coming Soon!

Are you looking for a new challenge? Do you want to give something back to your community? If you have answered 'yes', then the role of an On-Call firefighter could be for you!

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, so this means they must live or work within four minutes of an On-Call station. Many have full-time jobs, others may be self-employed or stay at home parents.

Feeling inspired? Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service are running a number of workshops and 'Have a Go' days ahead of our next round of On-Call firefighter recruitment.

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.

"If you are looking for a rewarding job, where you are able to give something back to your local community, On-Call firefighting is a fantastic opportunity for you to work with us to help create safer people and safer places."

The virtual workshops 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. The workshops take approximately an hour and give people the chance to find out more about the role and speak to real On-Call staff from the Service.

In the coming weeks, the Service is also running a number of 'Have a Go' taster days at various locations. These 'Have a Go' days 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.

Callum added: "If you are feeling inspired to become an On-Call firefighter, but not sure what the job entails or where to start, I would encourage you to join a workshop and attend a 'Have a Go' day, where we can give you a real insight into the role and what to expect.

"These sessions could be the first step you take to joining our family."

Virtual workshops, which will be approximately one hour long, are taking place at 7pm on the following dates:

- Wednesday 16 March
- Wednesday 23 March
- Wednesday 30 March
- Wednesday 6 April
- Wednesday 4 May

'Have a Go' days are taking place on the following dates:

- Saturday 26 March – Ashby Fire and Rescue Station
- Sunday 27 March – Kibworth Fire and Rescue Station
- Sunday 3 April – Wigston Fire and Rescue Station
- Saturday 7 May – Oakham Fire and Rescue Station
- Sunday 8 May – Shepshed Fire and Rescue Station

To book onto a workshop or a 'Have a Go' session and to find out more about upcoming On-Call firefighter recruitment, visit www.leics-fire.gov.uk/on-call.

The recruitment website for applications will open on Wednesday 27 April 2022 and will close on Wednesday 11 May 2022.

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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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