

News Release

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Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Celebrate Long Service Awards



Last Friday (20 May), Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service held a long-overdue awards ceremony to recognise staff for their commitment to the Service and to their local communities.

The prestigious Long Service and Good Conduct awards ceremony - which took place at Beaumanor Hall in Woodhouse, Leicestershire - had been delayed in 2020 and 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

In recognition of 20 years' service, 19 members of operational staff received the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, which were presented by Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, Callum Faint.

In addition to the medals, a Long Service Certificate for 30 years' loyal service to the fire and rescue service was presented to a member of operational staff and a 20 years' certificate was awarded to a member of support staff. These were presented by the Chair of the Combined Fire Authority, Nicolas Rushton.



Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, Callum Faint, said: "It was a great pleasure to formally recognise the achievements of many of our staff, for services to the

fire and rescue service and to our communities. It was a long-overdue ceremony and one I was very pleased to attend.

"I would like to thank each recipient for their personal endeavours and commitment they have made to serve the communities of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

"I hope that they all feel as proud of their achievements, as I do leading this fantastic organisation."

Following the presentation of awards, recipients were provided with refreshments and official photographs were taken.

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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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