

# News Release

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## Applications Open for On-Call Firefighters

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service have today (Wednesday 22 June) opened their recruitment portal for applications for On-Call Firefighters.

Vacancies are available at a number of stations across Leicestershire and Rutland.



Callum Faint, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, said: "On-Call Firefighters work alongside Wholetime Firefighters, and are vital to helping us provide the very best service to our communities.

"By contributing to your local community in helping to make safer people and safer places, the role of On-Call Firefighter can be very rewarding. Many On-Call Firefighters have full-time jobs and other commitments; others may be self-employed or stay at home parents, so if you are looking for a new challenge or wanting to give something back to your local community, this could be the career to you!"



On-Call Firefighters do not work full-time, but are paid to spend some periods of time available on-call to respond to emergency incidents. You carry an alerter and respond to emergency calls, where you will face all kinds of challenges within your local communities. This means you must live or work within four minutes of an On-Call station, with the exception of Market Bosworth and Billesdon which is six minutes.

If you are interested in the role and want to find out more, get in touch with your local On-Call fire and rescue station. You may be able to attend their weekly drill night, where you will find out first-hand about the role and meet your potential future colleagues.



Callum added: "To help you prepare for the recruitment process, join us for a virtual Q and A workshop to find out more about the role and to ask any questions you may have – it will give you a real insight into the role and what to expect in the next stages of recruitment."

The next virtual workshop is taking place on Wednesday 6 July at 7pm.

To book onto the workshop session, visit: [www.leics-fire.gov.uk/on-call](http://www.leics-fire.gov.uk/on-call).

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

**For details about the On-Call Firefighter recruitment process and to apply, visit: [www.leics-fire.gov.uk/on-call](http://www.leics-fire.gov.uk/on-call).**

The deadline for submitting an application is **Wednesday 6 July 2022**, so don't delay!

**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 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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