

# News Release

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## Wholetime Firefighter Recruitment – Now Open!

If you are looking for a rewarding career, where no two days are the same, then this could be for you!

We are currently recruiting a number of Wholetime Firefighters to join Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service.

Callum Faint, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, said: "I am thrilled to announce that today we have gone live with our next round of Wholetime Firefighter recruitment. This is a great opportunity for anyone who is looking for a challenge, and is looking to make a real difference to our communities of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland."

Firefighting is only one vital part of the service that our Firefighters provide. They also respond to Road Traffic Collisions, chemical incidents, animal rescues and other emergencies. In addition to emergency response, a great emphasis is placed on safety and the reduction of the numbers of avoidable injuries within the local communities. As such, our Firefighters are involved in providing advice and support to members of the public on a variety of safety issues with the aim of reducing the numbers of incidents they attend.

A career as a Firefighter involves working days, nights, weekends and occasional public holidays. It also means that you could be working at emergency incidents for several hours in difficult conditions.

Callum Faint, added: "Being a Firefighter at Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service offers you an exciting and rewarding career with a real opportunity for progression.

"Could you make a difference to our communities, and help contribute to 'safer people, safer places'?"

For more in-depth information about the role and the recruitment process, visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section on our website.

The recruitment portal for Wholetime Firefighter applications is now open.

The deadline for submitting an application is Wednesday 12 October 2022, so don't delay!

To apply for a Firefighter position, visit [www.leics-fire.gov.uk/wholetime](http://www.leics-fire.gov.uk/wholetime) and follow the steps taking you through to the recruitment portal.

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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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