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Join us as a paid on-call firefighter in Frome - Recruitment Open evening 05<sup>th</sup> June 2025 1800 - 2100

Your community needs you! Glastonbury Fire Station is crewed by local residents and workers, without the efforts of these men and women a fire engine wouldn't be available in people's hour of need.

Glastonbury is a busy on call fire station with approx. 300 incidents per calendar year within the town and surrounding areas. This is an opportunity for men and women who live and/or work within a five-minute response time to the fire station (George Street, Glastonbury) to potentially save lives by attending emergency incidents such as fires, road traffic collisions, chemical spills, floods, gain entry's and many more and we also talk to our community about fire prevention.

Being on-call means that you provide a level of cover whilst at work or at home and when you are needed your pager will alert you to attend the station. People who can give cover during the day are particularly needed. Many people have primary occupations whilst on-call - either employed or self-employed, the Service has examples of employees in factories, shops, takeaways and restaurants who are on-call firefighters. No previous experience of firefighting is necessary for this role and full training will be provided – the ideal prospective firefighter starts with a commitment to the community, a positive attitude and a good level of fitness.

You need to be over 18 and have a good level of fitness and strength, but sometimes people overestimate the levels required and this can deter them (particularly women) from applying. The Service will give people advice and help in preparing for both the written and practical assessments.

We have a recruitment open evening planned for Thursday 05<sup>th</sup> June 1800 – 2100. At this recruitment event you will be presented with what is required and what it is like being an on-call firefighter, get to ask questions and have a look around the fire engines and station. If you are interested, think you might be interested or open to the idea of helping your community come along and find out more.

There are many benefits you'll receive as an employee of Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service (DSFRS) such as transferable skills, trained in first aid, teamwork, working under pressure, LGV licence (depending on station needs), trained in manual handling, good publicity and local reputation for your company, pensionable pay & many emergency services discounts

To apply please visit

https://www.dsfire.gov.uk/careers/on-call-application-process

Anyone interested can email Watch Manager, Adam Whitcombe direct on <a href="mailto:awhitcombe@dsfire.gov.uk">awhitcombe@dsfire.gov.uk</a> or are welcome to come to Glastonbury Fire Station, George Street during drill nights on Monday or Tuesday from 1900 - 20:30.

More information about becoming an on-call firefighter is on the website www.dsfire.gov.uk

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