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SOLVAY BECOMES DERBYSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE'S NEWEST SPONSOR

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service (DFRS) is pleased to welcome Solvay as a proud new sponsor to the Service.

Solvay, a global group with a large number of sites, one of which is located in Heanor, Derbyshire, is an advanced materials and specialty chemicals company, committed to developing chemistry that address key societal challenges. Solvay innovates and partners with customers worldwide in many diverse end markets. Its products are used for many applications including planes, cars and batteries.

DFRS is delighted to be working with this forward thinking company on a number of new and exciting ventures:

- Sponsorship of the Service's Extrication Team
- Sponsorship of the Extrication Challenge event being hosted by DFRS on Saturday 16 June 2018 at the Joint Training Centre.
- Training packages to assist in road traffic collision training.
- Promotion of On-Call Firefighter recruitment.

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service Group Manager, Rob Taylor said: "Joining with a company who specialise in products that are being used to build the cars of our future, and also want to support the Service in relation to On-Call Firefighter recruitment is an exciting and beneficial new venture.

"Firefighters train daily to be able to respond to all kind of incidents, including road traffic collisions that can occur in any type of vehicle. By working closely with Solvay and gleaning their knowledge regarding how composite materials react in situations where high pressure cutting tools may be used, will only lead to better outcomes for RTC casualties and improved Firefighter safety.

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“We’re really pleased to get Solvay on board as sponsors ahead of our Extrication Challenge and be able to share their knowledge, in a practical hands on workshop, with Firefighters from across the whole of the UK.”

Speaking at the official signing of the sponsorship agreement, Claire Michel, Head of Marketing Communications said: “We are excited to be sponsoring DFRS. We are very proud to have three Heanor On-Call Firefighters among our staff and we are committed to ensuring the safety of our community. One of our key business focuses is to facilitate the adoption of carbon fibre composites on road vehicles, making them lighter and therefore more environmentally friendly – through reduced fuel consumption and CO2 emissions. We are encouraged to see that DFRS wants to learn more about composites to ensure that they can safely rescue occupants.”

Solvay Heanor site dates back to 1975 and currently employs over 200 people in production, R&I and support functions. Solvay Heanor’s products are supplied to many industries including Automotive, Aerospace, Motorsports, Wind, Marine, Rail, and Sports & Leisure. The facility is certified to ISO 9001, AS 9100, NADCAP (Non Metallic Material Manufacture and Testing) Approved. Heanor is part of the global Solvay Composite Materials business.

Solvay joins several companies currently sponsoring DFRS.

For more information regarding the sponsorship opportunities available, please contact Partnership Funding and Marketing Officer Pam Thindal on 01332 305399 or 07770 971230. Alternatively email sponsorship@derbys-fire.gov.uk

NOTE TO EDITORS/REPORTERS

The Extrication Challenge, which is being held at our Ripley, Joint Training Centre, will see teams of Firefighters from across the UK competing in head to head competitions in respect of casualty extrication (cutting casualties out of vehicles), as well as casualty trauma care. As well as the competitions there is a Continuous Professional Development side to the event, where workshops will provide competitors an opportunity to learn about the latest developments in road and firefighter safety.

200 members of the public have been invited to attend the event to witness the competition and also to learn about road safety themselves. We have on loan from Leicestershire a virtual reality road traffic collision experience, built into a Ford Focus as well as VR goggles featuring road safety information for visitors to experience. The Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership will also be on hand to offer advice and information to parents and young drivers.

If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Rachel Palmer, Press and Communications Manager on 07900 226081

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