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18 NEW ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS FOR DERBYSHIRE

Yesterday, Sunday 24 November 2019, Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service welcomed 18 new On-Call Firefighters at a passing out ceremony attended by over 100 of their closest family and friends.

Following several weeks of training, spread over many weekends, two women and 16 men were formally recognised and welcomed by Derbyshire's Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive (CFO), Gavin Tomlinson, before embarking on careers as On-Call Firefighters in development at fire stations across Derbyshire.

Speaking at the ceremony, Chief Fire Officer Gavin Tomlinson said: "A Pass-Out Ceremony is a special occasion for everyone as we celebrate our newest On-Call Firefighters and mark the beginning of the next phase of their fire service career.

"Becoming an On-Call Firefighter is a big commitment, being available to respond to a pager at a moment's notice, ready to respond to all manner of emergency incidents. This would not be possible without the support of family, therefore it's an honour to welcome not only our newest Firefighters, but also their families here today.

"Each of our new Firefighters has received the highest possible level of training from a dedicated team of professionals, and I am confident that this will stand them in good stead as they join fire stations across the county.

"I wish them every success as they enter what I know to be a challenging, yet rewarding career."

The 18 new trainees will now take up posts at the following fire stations:

email: enquiries@derbys-fire.gov.uk
www.derbys-fire.gov.uk

Terry McDermott MA
Chief Fire Officer / Chief Executive



Alfreton, Belper, Clay Cross, Heanor, Ilkeston, Long Eaton, Matlock, Ripley and Shirebrook.

Speaking about the training course, trainee Firefighter Collette Cullen who will be stationed at Ripley Fire Station said: “If anyone has ever considered training to be an On-Call Firefighter, please give it a go, it’s the best thing we’ve all ever done.”

Trainee Firefighter Parry, who will be stationed at Heanor Fire Station said: “For me the course has been the best thing I have ever done. I have gained lifelong friends, and gained the skills needed to start my new career. I’m looking forward to getting onto station and being able to turn someone’s worst day around.”

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service actively seeks applications for the role of an On-Call Firefighter throughout the year. For more information about the rewarding role of an On-Call Firefighter visit www.oncallfire.uk where you can also register your interest in the role.



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