

news release

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Be part of our firefighting team – we want you!



The 'hottest' job in West Sussex is about to open for recruitment.

Recruitment for firefighters at West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service opens on Friday 5 March at 12pm.

The service is looking to attract a varied pool of potential applicants and pick the best candidates from all backgrounds and walks of life.

New wholetime firefighters are being recruited. Wholetime firefighters are permanently based at and respond from a fire station.

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service Chief Fire Officer, Sabrina Cohen-Hatton, said:
"Firefighting is a fantastic career and we will offer training that is second to none.

"On paper I might not have looked like an obvious candidate, but the fire service took me on the strength of who they believed I could be.

"The role of the firefighter is ever-changing, and our new recruits will learn a host of skills. Yes, you will be putting out fires and cutting people out of cars, but we are also looking for people who can communicate vital safety messages and form important

relationships in their community. We are looking for people who can stop these emergencies from happening by connecting with people and reducing their risk.”

A live question and answer session will also run to give people thinking of applying the chance to put their questions to current firefighters.

Sabrina added: “We have worked hard to remove historic barriers that might have stopped people from thinking about applying and we want to attract more women and people of different races and backgrounds to realise the fire service is a great place to work.

“We are looking to create a diverse workforce and we are asking people who haven’t considered becoming a firefighter to consider it now.”

For more information see www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire

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