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Wholetime/Regular Firefighter Regional Recruitment Campaign:

Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Services collaborate on a joint Recruitment Campaign.

During 2007 the five Fire & Rescue Services in the East Midlands Region will be collaborating on a major project for the regional recruitment of wholetime firefighters. This is a pioneering project undertaken on a region-wide basis being realised by the involvement of staff from each of the five services.

It will also utilise a series of new National Firefighter Selection Tests that have recently been provided for the Fire & Rescue Service by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

The campaign starts in earnest in January 2007 and will aim to appoint Firefighters to commence their training in September 2007.

Details of the campaign can be found by visiting the East Midlands Regional Management Board's website at www.emrmb-fire.gov.uk where further links to each of the five services can be found.

Information regarding the dates that the recruitment lines will open, will be publicised in local newspapers in early January 2007 and will also be available from the EMRMB's website. The number of application forms available will be limited, and will only be available via the regional recruitment call centre, but their distribution will be set over a period of days to enable everyone, especially those from under-represented groups, to have an equal and fair opportunity to secure one. The time of day when the recruitment telephone lines will be open will also be publicised via website and local publications.

In addition, further information on becoming a Firefighter can be found at the EMRMB website and via the Fire Gateway website at www.fire.gov.uk/Careers

This collaboration comes hard on the heels of successful regional working to facilitate a series of Assessment Development Centres to assess the potential of future managers in the Fire & Rescue Service. This was successfully concluded in December 2006 and has been noted as National Good Practice by the National Assessment Unit based at the UK's Fire Service College.

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