

Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority
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MORE RETAINED FIRE-FIGHTERS NEEDED.

Once again Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service needs YOUR help. In fact your local community needs your help.

How?

Your community needs more fire-fighters.

Following a very successful recruitment drive during last year – you the public responded magnificently and almost solved the crewing problem. BUT not completely – **ASHBURTON, BOVEY TRACEY, CHAGFORD, DAWLISH and MORETONHAMPSTEAD** still need more crew.

This time however we especially need people who are able to offer cover to crew the fire engine during the daytime and weekends.

You don't have to be super-strong, super-fit or even male. Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service, in line with the current Government initiative, is encouraging women to join the fire service. Of course we want men to join as well. All that is needed is to be reasonably fit, over 18 years old and live or work within the town/s.

Recently in North Devon, eight new fire-fighters joined the retained service – and **FIVE** of them were women.

Georgina Prideaux aged 25 who will be joining the Ilfracombe Station said "For me joining the fire service is a dream come true. It is great, it is hard work and nerve racking, but brilliant and everything I always wanted to do.

"Being a woman has not been an issue, we get on brilliantly with the guys and they are very encouraging.

"Any woman (or man) who has every thought of joining up should not pass up this wonderful opportunity".

So how about it? Put some excitement in your life, and become part of a proud and valued team. The pay's not bad either: a competent fire-fighter, providing full cover, will receive a £2655 per year retainer, an hourly wage of £12.12 for work undertaken, plus a disturbance payment of £3.48 per call-out.

If you are interested in joining any of the above teams, you can telephone our recruitment line on 01392 872331 or drop into the station itself at the beginning of drill night.

More.....

Ashburton	Wednesday	1900 hours
Bovey Tracey	Tuesday	1900 hours
Chagford	Wednesday	1900 hours
Dawlish	Wednesday	1900 hours
Moretonhampstead	Monday	1900 hours.

Otherwise please contact: -

Group Manager Des Wraight on 07967 021787.

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