

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE  
AND RESCUE SERVICE**

# **COMMUNITY CHAMPION SCHEME**

**CAN YOU HELP SPREAD OUR SAFETY MESSAGES?**



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## Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) works hard to make Cambridgeshire a safer place to live and work.

To ensure we reach as many people as possible, we want to take our work right into the heart of local communities by using local people, who know their community best, to spread our safety messages.

CFRS is launching this exciting new Community Champion Scheme to enhance and complement the role of our staff in creating a safer Cambridgeshire for all.

### Who are we looking for?

We are looking for volunteer Community Champions who:

- Have good interpersonal skills and are able to communicate with a wide range of people.
- May have experience of working or volunteering with people in the community.
- May have established community links or a broad range of community contacts
- Can give us at least 4 hours commitment every month. Specific days and times are flexible and you will discuss and agree these with our Community Champion Scheme Co-ordinator.

A driving licence is desirable but not essential.

Applications are invited from all sections of the community irrespective of age, gender, race, disability, sexual orientation or religion.





## What will you do?

As a Community Champion, and with the full support of our Community Champion Scheme Co-ordinator, you will:

- Attend training to give you the skills and confidence to carry out your role.
- Promote our services by talking to individuals and groups.
- Advise people how to complete a Home Fire Safety Check on their own home.
- Advise people how to create a Home Escape Plan for use in the event of a fire.
- Give free safety advice, including advice on choosing the right smoke alarms.
- Signpost or refer people to the CFRS who are unable or don't feel able to complete a Home Fire Safety Check themselves
- Support community events and initiatives to promote fire safety awareness.
- Be a local focal point for fire safety advice and literature.
- Be a member of our consultation community.

## What will you get out of it?

Your contribution will help us protect people from the risk of fire in their own homes. You will become involved in delivering a valuable service to the community; meeting new people and widening your community knowledge; enjoy working as part of a friendly team; gain new skills and enhance your CV.

## What training and support will you receive?

We will provide you with full training. You will attend a one-day induction course and a one-day training session, which will be split over two days. You may also be invited to attend additional relevant training sessions as and when required, in order to ensure you have up to date knowledge.





## What happens once I have applied?

We will treat your application confidentially and your personal information will be seen only by staff involved in the recruitment process.

We will make checks during the recruitment and selection process including an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check. We will advise you as soon as possible if you are selected for an informal interview, and aim to give you at least one week's notice of any interview dates.

If your application is successful, we will provide a written agreement that sets out your role and responsibilities.

## How do you apply and find out more?

Anyone interested is encouraged to contact:  
The Community Champion Scheme Co-ordinator  
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