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RECRUITING NOW! FANCY A CAREER AS A FIREFIGHTER?

CLEVELAND Fire Brigade is hoping to attract a wide range of people to join the Fire and Rescue Service as part of a new regional recruitment advertising campaign which launches today.

The four North East Fire and Rescue Services (Cleveland, Tyne and Wear, Northumberland and County Durham and Darlington) are recruiting for full time firefighters to join the service across the region.

Men, women and people from black and minority ethnic communities are all being encouraged to apply so that there are representatives from the communities in which the modern fire and rescue services work.

Applications forms are available between Wednesday 4 and Monday 9 November and completed application forms need to be submitted by Monday 16 November at 5pm. Full details can be found at www.fireservicesnortheast.com.

Lynn Sharkey, Cleveland Fire Brigade's Diversity and Development Manager said: "The role of the modern day firefighter is not only to tackle a wide range of emergency situations but also to work closely with the community to increase levels of awareness to prevent incidents from occurring.

"We want to change society's current perception as to who is a typical firefighter and to widen the appeal of the career across all sections of the community. We also want to make sure we have the best people for the job which means encouraging a broad range of people to apply so we can draw from the widest pool.

"Our Brigade currently has 18 female firefighters and seven from black and minority ethnic groups which is a positive thing and shows that this role can be done by anyone with the right skills."

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