CAMBRIDGESHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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CLEANING OPERATIVE

6 MONTH FIXED TERM CONTRACT

PREVENT
PROTECT
RESPOND

A message from our **Chief Fire Officer**



Thank you for considering a role with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service.

At CFRS, our purpose is simple and meaningful: to protect, prevent, and respond. Whether you're working on the frontline or in a professional support role, this shared mission connects every member of our team. It's what drives us to keep communities safe, reduce risk, and be there when it matters most.
Being part of CFRS, regardless of the role you play, is more than responding to emergencies. It's about making a difference every day, being part of something bigger and contributing to a Service that people trust and value.

We're proud of the culture we've built. In our most recent engagement survey, 88% of our people said they're proud to work for CFRS, and 84% agreed that everyone is welcome. Our teams describe the organisation as welcoming, supportive, and inclusive and we work hard to make that a reality, every day, for everyone.

People join CFRS for different reasons - whether it's a desire to help others, give back to the community, develop new skills, or be part of a close-knit team. Whatever your motivation, you'll find a place here where your contribution matters and where you're supported to grow and thrive.

If you share our commitment to protecting people, preventing harm, and responding with care and professionalism, we'd be proud to have you as part of our team.

Matthew Warren



Chief Fire Officer

Why work for Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS)?

Thank you for your interest in the above vacancy.

Please ensure you read all documents within this pack to provide you with a good understanding of the role and the Service.

To apply for this opportunity please complete this EDI Form and send your CV and Covering Letter detailing your suitability for the role in line with the person specification to recruitment@cambsfire.gov.uk

We promote the right values and an inclusive culture by:

ensuring fairness, promoting diversity and developing colleagues to achieve their potential
·being Disability Confident employer
·providing health and well-being support
·offering flexible, agile hybrid working
·having Inclusion ambassadors, a network and working groups for protected characteristics
·supporting anyone going through or affected by the menopause.

Our Offer:

Employee Assistance Programme
·Access to Health Cash Plan
·A competitive pension scheme
·Access to Blue Light Discount at 100s of stores & events
·Access to Health Shield Perks Discounts
·Family friendly policies – including flexible working
·Great Learning & Development Opportunities
·24 / 28 days annual leave each year plus bank holidays, increasing with long service
·Parking (site specific)
·Flexible, agile, hybrid working

To find out more about working for us please click here: Cambsfire.gov.uk

Our values

Being part of CFRS means joining a team that cares - about the work we do, the people we serve, and each other.
Our Service Values of Welcoming, Respectful and Professional are not just words. They shape how we treat one another, how we serve our communities, and how we carry out our work each day.

We welcome difference, treat people with respect, and take pride in doing things properly. Whether you're responding to an emergency, delivering fire prevention advice, or supporting others behind the scenes, these values guide how we protect people, prevent harm, and respond when it matters most.
If our values connect with you and you're looking for a career where your contribution matters, you'll thrive in a role that's built on trust, respect, and purpose.

Values and Behaviours



Welcoming	Respectful	Professional
I am welcoming and inclusive.	I treat everyone with dignity and respect.	I always act with integrity and am accountable for my behaviour, actions and words.
I consider and support my colleagues' wellbeing.	I embrace diversity and difference.	I communicate clearly and listen attentively.
I appropriately address language and behaviours that are not in line with our values.	I am mindful of my impact on others.	I am open and receptive to feedback.

What we do

At CFRS, our purpose is clear and powerful: to protect people, prevent harm and respond when we're needed most. It's more than a saying - it shapes everything we do.

- Protect – We work with our communities to identify and reduce risks, safeguard vulnerable people, and support resilience across homes, businesses, and public spaces.
- Prevent – Through education and outreach, we aim to stop incidents before they happen - from fire safety visits to road safety campaigns and community engagement.
- Respond – When emergencies do happen, we act swiftly and professionally - whether it's fires, road traffic collisions, floods, or other incidents.

This purpose unites everyone at CFRS - from firefighters on the frontline to those behind the scenes. No matter your role, you'll be helping to deliver a trusted public service that saves lives, reduces harm, and supports our communities to thrive.

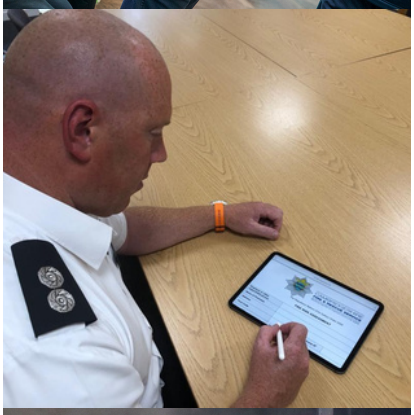
Prevent

We're always available to respond if there's an emergency, but our work focuses on stopping fires from happening in the first place. Our community safety work is a priority and we help those most at risk of a fire in the home.



Protect

It's not just in the home where fire safety is important. All non-domestic premises by law must have fire risk assessments carried out by the owners or a responsible person. This is to ensure that employees and any visitors are as protected as they can be from fire and that they could evacuate safely.



Respond

Our crews of highly trained firefighters are ready to respond when needed - not just to fires, but to a wide range of emergencies. Each year, we attend around 1,500 fires, 400 road traffic collisions, and over 600 other incidents, including flooding, animal rescues, chemical spills, and water rescues.



JOB DESCRIPTION: CLEANING OPERATIVE

Responsible to: Cleaning Supervisor
Responsible for: N/A

Job Purpose:
To clean to a high standard the premises used by CFRS. To monitor own cleaning equipment and stock levels of products required to undertake role. The post holder will be required to provide cleaning cover across multiple locations to support operational needs during periods of staff absence or annual leave.

Main Duties & Accountabilities

1. Day-to-day routine cleaning of all general areas and offices of CFRS premises in accordance with Health and Safety instructions.
2. Day-to-day routine cleaning of all shower rooms and toilets for all CFRS premises. At SHQ the general kitchens are also included. This should be completed in accordance with Health and Safety instructions.
3. Provide cleaning cover across designated locations to maintain service continuity during staff absence or annual leave.
4. To ensure all equipment is fit for purpose and where defective report to Cleaning Supervisor for replacement
5. Knowledge of cleaning chemicals, correct storage and disposal methods.
6. To ensure there is an adequate stock of consumables within the storage area.
7. To undertake such other duties as may be required from time to time, commensurate with the grade and positioning of the post.
8. Support and promote the Services equality policy and procedures to ensure fairness in employment and service delivery.
9. Undertake any other duties commensurate with the grade of the post.

CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITIES (applicable to all personnel)

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion & Safeguarding

Support and promote the Service's statement, policies and procedures on Safeguarding, Equality and Inclusion in employment and service delivery.

Health, Safety and Risk

Ensure that health, safety and risk issues are factored into all areas of activity

Support and promote the Service's Health and Safety policies and procedures to maintain a safe and healthy working environment.

Personal Development

Responsible for updating own practices and professional knowledge.

Undertaking personal development activities as agreed with line manager.

General

To undertake such other duties as may be required from time to time, commensurate with the grade and positioning of the post.

OTHER GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE JOB

CPD

The post holder must be willing to continuously develop their professional knowledge, experience and understanding.

TRAVEL

Travelling across the county may be required to facilitate the effective delivery of the role and to participate in meetings etc.

PERSON SPECIFICATION: CLEANING OPERATIVE

CORE COMPETENCIES	CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE	MEASUREMENT
KNOWLEDGE	Knowledge of COSHH/data street requirements.		X	Application form
	Knowledge of practical application of Health and Safety.		X	Selection process
	A sound working knowledge of cleaning operations and modern cleaning techniques.		X	Application form and selection process
	Understanding of Data Protection		X	Selection process
SKILLS	Self-motivation and the ability to identify and complete tasks without direct supervision.	X		Application form and selection process
	Good time keeping	X		Application form and selection process
	Adaptable to changing environments	X		Application form and selection process
	The ability to follow instruction.	X		Application form and selection process
	Good communication skills and the ability to work as part of a team.	X		Application form and selection process
	Able to work to agreed standards.	X		Application form and selection process
Experience	Previous experience of cleaning in an office environment		X	Application form and selection process
	Experience of working with health and safety safe methods of working with good understanding of COSHH		X	Application form and selection process
	Flexible approach with the ability to travel throughout the County to carryout requirements of job, potentialy at short notice*	X		Selection process
General	Successful applicants wi l be required to complete a standard or enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check as part of the pre-employment checks	X		Pre-employment checks
	Understanding of and commitment to Equality & Inclusion in the workplace	X		Evidence in interview

*Reasonable adjustment will be made for those candidates who may have a disability under the Equality Act 2010. However, it is essential that the successful candidate can travel to any part of the county when required

Terms & Conditions

The salary scale and conditions of service are determined by collective agreements covering Local Government employees made at the National Joint Council, Eastern Provincial Council and locally between this Authority and the recognised unions, and as supplemented by the decisions of the Authority.

Location

The successful applicant will be based in Huntingdon but will be required to travel to other sites in Cambridgeshire and out of County.

Salary

£26,016 per annum

Payment is normally made 7 days before the last working day of the month by BACS transfer to your bank or building society account.

Type of Contract

Fixed Term for 6 months

Hours

37 hours per week

A flexible approach can be taken when making local agreements around working hours. This will be agreed with the line manager.

Probation Period

There is usually a probationary period of 1 month

Offer Subject to

Completion of Medical Questionnaire/Medical Examination.

Receipt of references satisfactory to the Authority.

Evidence of right to work in the UK (including Settled Status or Pre-Settled Status for most EU citizens)

Requirement to complete a standard or enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check

Terms & Conditions cont.

Pension

Membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme, this is funded by contributions both from you and the Fire Authority. Your contribution is dependent upon salary and will be between 5.5% and 7.5% of your salary. Transfer of contributions from previous employment is possible under certain circumstances. You will receive an explanatory booklet if appointed

Annual Leave

The annual leave year runs from 1 April to 31 March. The leave entitlement for full time staff is 24 days per annum; annual leave for part-time staff is given on a pro-rata basis. If you are new to local government your entitlement in your first year will be calculated on a pro rata basis. After five years Local Government Service you will be entitled to five extra days' annual leave. After 10- and 15-years' service in this Service you will receive an extra 1 day of annual leave, giving a maximum of 30 days. In addition, you will receive paid leave on eight public holidays if you normally work on that day (pro-rata for part-time employees).

Other leave: Special leave arrangements exist covering bereavement, nursing sick relatives, adoption, paternity, maternity and parental leave, and jury service. Subject to operational requirements special leave arrangements also exist covering certain public duties, e.g. magistrate, school governor, etc.

Sickness

The Authority operates a nationally agreed scheme, which provides for varying periods of sickness absence on full pay followed by half pay, according to the length of recognised continuous Local Government service. There is a minimum of one month on full pay and one month on half pay, rising to a maximum of six months on full pay and six months on half pay after five years' service.

Training & Development

Training and Development has a high priority in the Authority. It is seen as a continuous process and you will be encouraged to develop relevant skills. You may be offered financial or other assistance where appropriate and subject to affordability

Equal Opportunities

The Fire Authority is committed to providing equality of opportunity in employment and service provision.

Thank you for your interest in joining Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service.

We're proud to be a Service that values dignity, respect, and equal opportunity for all. If you have any conditions - whether diagnosed or not - that may affect any part of the recruitment process, please let us know. This could include physical or mental health conditions, or anything related to neurodiversity.

Sharing this information is completely confidential and will not affect how your application is assessed. It simply helps us ensure that any reasonable adjustments can be made to support you through the process.

If you're successful, you won't just be joining a Service - you'll be joining a team that makes a real difference every day.

We wish you the very best of luck.

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