

Fire Safety Senior Fire Engineer Manager **Green Book Scale PO-I (£43,857-£46,845)**



(Fixed Term Contract and Secondment opportunities available)

About Us

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service have an exciting opportunity available within our Fire Safety Department as a Senior Fire Engineer. The post will initially be a 12 month fixed term contract. There is also a secondment opportunity for external applicants, who want to develop themselves in a forward thinking metropolitan FRS which has a diverse range of risk and building profiles

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all areas of the community.

About the role

Due to available grant funding, this new role in Fire Safety will undertake duties commensurate with that of a Fire Engineering Technician. However, you will have a greater understanding of fire engineering principles and will therefore be responsible for reviewing more complex building control consultations, especially where a move from the prescribed methodology is introduced. You will consult with Building Control Bodies and partners on complex buildings based upon fire engineering principles, and you will support Fire Safety staff conducting complex and simple audits. You will also be responsible for managing a number of staff in the Fire Safety department.

As a Senior Fire Engineer, you will peer review responses to all building control consultations by other fire safety staff, including fire engineering submissions and guidance given to Fire Safety Regulators on fire engineered buildings. This will provide quality assurance of the work undertaken by Fire Safety Engineers.

We are seeking self-motivated and committed individuals who demonstrate strong leadership skills with the ability to manage change in a fast paced and professional environment. Digital leadership is essential to ensure that the Fire Safety team continues to evolve, and effectively meet the requirements of the Service and the Community.

The support and development of Fire Safety staff is one of our main priorities. As a regulator, we are seeking to employ someone who is passionate about their own and colleagues' development and identifying talent. If you have the drive and aspiration to support the delivery of national priorities, and develop, deliver and shape how TWFRS meets challenges locally and on a national level including the development and implementation of the Building Safety Bill, we welcome your application. Individuals will need to demonstrate that they are forward-thinking who promotes a positive and inclusive team environment, enabling others to maximise their full potential.

Your role will be to ensure that TWFRS legislative requirements are met under The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, deliver protection priorities, and support businesses through Better Regulation. The role will also be key in how the Service adapt to the changes in legislation brought about by the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

You will need to be flexible and adaptable, responding to emerging opportunities in line with the strategic objectives of the organisation. Remaining calm in high pressure situations is an essential skill along with making sound confident decisions.

Eligibility

The successful candidate(s) must have attained a BEng (Hons) Fire Engineering degree and preferably registered as a Chartered Engineer with the Engineering Council

Fire safety qualifications to Level 4/5 Diploma is preferable but not essential as well as working in a Fire Safety department as a regulator is desirable.

Additional fire safety training will be provided as part of the roles continual professional development. Additional specialist qualifications in areas such as petroleum legislation and fire safety in hospitals will be considered to meet the needs of the department.

The individual will also require suitable management skills and knowledge, preferably with a recognised qualification due to having directly manage responsibilities for a team within the Fire Safety department. You will require excellent written and oral communication skills and have the ability to plan, manage and prioritise workloads. A current full driving licence is essential, and a fleet vehicle will be provided for work related journeys.

We are looking for individuals with strong leadership and communication skills, who are able to lead, manage and develop others, and deliver the Service's strategy through tactical plans.

Closing date for applications is **24 September 2021 at 1200 hours**.

What we can offer you

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters are based in a purpose build office in Washington, with ample free parking and easy access from the A1 and A19.

On site facilities include catering facilities and a gym. The role also benefits from an attractive package, including an attractive holiday package, Local Government Pension Scheme and access to a range of social and volunteering opportunities.

About the Selection Process

Set out below are the key dates relating to this selection process:

Stage	Timeline
Advert closes	24 September 2021 at 1200 hours
Notification of shortlist	24 September 2021

Interview with Department Managers face to face or via Microsoft Teams	W/c 27 September 2021
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Please note the dates detailed may be subject to change due to COVID impact.
Candidates will be communicated with via email for all parts of the process.

Interested in applying?

Further details can be found in the accompanying job description and person specification. More information about our Service can be found by visiting www.twfire.gov.uk and our various social media channels.

Informal contact can be made via Group Manager Ian Bell ian.bell@twfire.gov.uk or Group Manager Joe Haustead joe.haustead@twfire.gov.uk