

CANDIDATE PACK

CONTROL WATCH MANAGER A APPOINTMENTS PROCESS 2025





We are Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service - be part of our future.

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OUR STORY

There is nothing more tragic to us than loss of life so we will do everything we can to prevent this happening.

Saving lives and keeping our Firefighters safe matters to us.

We are a team of diverse people undertaking different roles but working together to achieve outstanding impact.

We are part of our community - it's where we are from, it's where we have brought up our families. We reflect our area - looking after each other and showing kindness.

Our teams continue to shape our story putting our community at the heart of everything we do.

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For Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service, good enough is never good enough.

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By challenging ourselves to be

better

OUR

VISION

WE ARE MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

To be the best Fire & Rescue Service in the UK.

One team, putting its communities first.

OUR PURPOSE	Here to serve. Here to protect. Here to keep you safe.							
OUR AIMS	Protect We protect people from harm, provide advice, guidance and when absolutely necessary use enforcement to keep the public and our firefighters safe.		Prevent We are there for you. We are a visible presence that provides reassurance, support and advice. Alongside our partners, we protect the most vulnerable and reduce inequalities.		Prepare We will always be the best that we can be by having highly skilled and trained people who plan for every risk and keep our teams safe and effective.		Respond We will be there when you need us most, pulling out all the stops to save lives. Whether we are taking 999 calls, or attending incidents, we keep our communities safe.	
OUR SERVICE	We are bold Embracing new ideas to build on the confidence and trust the community place in us.	We are profess Always g our best the best can be.	sional iving to be	We are safe Protecting lives and keeping our firefighters safe.	We are built to help Looking after people and looking after each other.	We are positiv Recognis how far v come an positive a the futur	e sing we have d being about	We are relentless Overcoming barriers to help people feel safe.
OUR VALUES	 We serve with Courage By never settling for the status quo By being decisive and calm under pressure By having determination to see things through By being prepared to fail By celebrating diversity and being open to new opportunities and challenges By setting high standards and not being embarrassed for doing so 		 We serve with Integrity By doing the right thing even when it is hard or no one is looking By leading by example By standing up for what matters By being open, honest and fair By making decisions based on facts By explaining the why By being consistent By always doing what we say we are going to do 		 We serve with Compassion By acting with empathy and kindness By actively listening - hearing what is being said By going the extra mile to help By looking after and supporting each other, noticing what is going on for people By recognising each other's contribution By creating a sense of belonging 			

• By embracing and understanding difference



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Salary: Watch Manager A £40,538 (in development) to £41,664 (when competent).

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THE ROLE

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service is a bold forward thinking Authority looking for highly motivated, innovative and talented individuals to support the delivery of our Leadership Message, putting the communities of Merseyside first.

Fire Control are responsible for receiving 999 and other emergency calls and sending the right fire engines and officers to emergency incidents. Fire Control staff know where all fire engines, officers and specialist appliances are across Merseyside and whether they are available to attend an emergency. Our Fire Control also co-ordinates National Resilience assets for the whole of the UK.



Our Supervisory Managers play a vital part in the effective running of Fire Control. We currently have opportunities at the **Watch Manager A** level and would encourage individuals with aspirations to develop within a dynamic control room environment to consider applying.

In addition to the criteria set out in the Person Specification, it is vital that you:

- Model our values of Courage, Compassion and Integrity.
- Demonstrate exceptional leadership skills, create an inclusive environment being people focussed.
- Possess creative problem solving skills.



ELIGIBILITY

Candidates for Watch Manager role must be competent in the Crew Manager CONTROL role.

Applications from candidates, who are not currently employed by a Local Authority Fire & Rescue Service within the UK, will not be eligible to apply.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

Interested individuals should complete the online application form and submit this prior to the closing date of **Midnight, 10th April 2025**.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an Interview and Incident Command assessment. Anticipated process timescales are provided below.

Applications Close	Midnight, 10 th April 2025		
Interview / Command	W/C 14 th April 2025		

Detailed role criteria is available within the Person Specification document. For further information about the role please contact John Price on 0151 296 4323 / 07738 604 929 or johnprice@merseyfire.gov.uk / gateway@merseyfire.gov.uk

On appointment, candidates will undertake an induction and development programme tailored to their experience and competencies to support their transition.

ANNUAL ALLOWANCE

PENSION CONSIDERATIONS

Please note that it is your personal responsibility to check whether by applying/accepting this position it would result in any Annual Allowance implications. A breach in the Annual Allowance threshold could result in a Tax charge. Further information on Annual Allowance can be obtained from the Pensions team, or the Pension Administrator website (YPS for Firefighter pension(s) and Merseyside pension Fund for LGPS).

LIFETIME ALLOWANCE

Please note that it is your personal responsibility to check whether by applying/accepting this position it would result in any Lifetime Allowance implications. A breach in the Lifetime Allowance threshold will result in a Tax charge. Further information on Lifetime Allowance can be obtained from our Pensions team, or the Pension Administrator website (YPS for Firefighter pension(s) and Merseyside pension Fund for LGPS).

TEMPORARY PROMOTIONS/POSITIONS

Please note that any period of 'temporary', whether that is by way of promotion or allowances associated with a temporary position, will be treated as non-pensionable.

SAFEGUARDING

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service's recruitment and selection procedures reflect our commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of Adults, Children and Young People and all staff and volunteers are expected to share this commitment.



WE ARE MERSEYSIDE, PART OF OUR COMMUNITY

Living in Merseyside will reward the successful post holder in lots of different ways. It's difficult to put into words what it can offer, at the heart of it though, is an opportunity to be part of our Community, our Place, our Culture and our People. That's what makes us and Merseyside great.

OUR PLACE

Merseyside is an area steeped in maritime history; it is an area of rich heritage with worldwide links to culture, arts, music and sport.

Merseyside is a county in the north west of England, on both sides of the mouth of the river Mersey and includes the metropolitan districts of Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens and Wirral.

OUR CULTURE

The city of Liverpool is an important centre for culture throughout the world, it boasts world leading attractions in the arts, music, theatre, entertainment and sport.

Liverpool has one of the most impressive collections of museums in Europe, boasting more galleries and national museums than any city in the UK outside London.

Merseyside moves to its own rhythm; Liverpool is a city that's very heart beats with the sound of music. A UNESCO City of Music, famous for its Mersey Beat and for those four lads that changed the music world forever - but that's not all.

We have a plethora of theatres on offer throughout the region, many situated in our bustling city centre such as the Philharmonic, The Empire and the Playhouse. You'll also find them within towns throughout our region like the Floral Pavilion in New Brighton and the Shakespeare North Playhouse in Prescot.

Liverpool City Region boasts three historic football clubs. Everton and Liverpool are separated by just one mile and are two of the Premiership's finest. Wirral's Tranmere Rovers play at Prenton Park in Birkenhead.

The region is also home to England's Golf Coast, the finest stretch of championship golf in the world, with no fewer than three Royal Links courses which have hosted endless Open Championships and Ryder Cups.

Horse-racing is huge in the city; Aintree and Haydock racecourses offer top-quality racing including the world-famous Grand National Festival at Aintree each spring.



There's more ...

Merseyside is also home to a number of top rugby teams, including St Helens (Saints) - the most successful Rugby League club of the Super League era.

Being a maritime hub we're also the perfect place to try your hand at watersports, with a number of centres across the city region including Liverpool Watersports Centre and Wirral Sailing Centre based at West Kirby Marine Lake, with courses available for all ages and levels of experience.

Don't just take our word for it, come for a visit, with excellent transport links you'll be here in no time and once you're here you won't want to leave.

OUR PEOPLE

Our people have a mindset of lets try it – lets do it. We are bold and always give our best to be the best we can be. Our people are diverse, each bringing something different to their roles but working together to achieve outstanding impact.

Merseyside is world renowned for its welcoming and friendly atmosphere, Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service is no different – we are built to help, we look after our Communities and we look after each other.



OUR COMMUNITY

Merseyside spans 249 square miles of land and whilst it contains some of the most deprived areas in England, where the Service can make a real difference; it is also home to some of the most desirable and sought after locations which attractions more and more people into the region each year.

OUR FAMILY

We know just how important family is to our staff and Merseyside offers a fantastic setting for people relocating to the area. With its mix of rural areas, small towns and the bustling city centre of Liverpool, Merseyside really does have it all.



Eating Out: Food and Drink in Liverpool is fantastically varied, from sleek fine dining to indie bistros and pop-up foodie heavens to high-street favourites. Merseyside has no shortage of award-winning restaurants, with a variety AA Rosette and Michelin starred venues to get your taste buds tingling.



Green Spaces: In Liverpool City Region we are blessed with an abundance of outdoor spaces. We have 200 acres of parkland under 15 minutes from the city centre at Sefton Park. We've pretty beaches on both sides of the water. Trips to Crosby Beach to visit Antony Gormley's Iron Men, National Trust's Formby Beach, Thurstaston Beach and Hilbre Islands all need to be on your must visit list.



Education: Merseyside is home to some of the highest performing Secondary School in the UK. There's no shortage of Higher Education options either, with world leading Universities such as University of Liverpool, Hope University and Liverpool John Moores University not to mention institutes such a Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (LIPA).

OUR OFFER

Living in Merseyside is really rewarding and we're confident that for the successful candidate, relocating will be the move of a lifetime. We'll support that transition with a generous relocation package, our team will provide help, guidance, ensure you settle in and find out more about what the region can offer your lifestyle.

In a professional context, Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service offers the successful candidate an opportunity to make a real impact in a bold, busy Metropolitan environment, with a risk profile that will offer excellent development opportunities.

BENEFITS

Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service recognises the hard work and commitment of its staff. In return, we can offer the right candidate a competitive reward package.

- We're positive about personal development: Considerable investment in learning & development, including High Potential Programmes, Coaching, Mentoring and professional development schemes. The Service has invested in a state of the art training facility which opened this year. More information about this is available HERE: https://tinyurl.com/3b36mbcw
- We're positive about making a difference: Diversity is seen as a strength of the Authority. As an organisation, we seek diversity at all levels and expect a work environment in which all employees can develop and contribute to their full potential. Our established Staff Networks play a vital part in that.
- We're positive about staff welfare: Provision of outstanding Occupational Health Services with dedicated mental health and wellbeing resources. More information about our positive practice in mental health can be found HERE: <u>https://tinyurl.com/yvahtrfx</u>
- ✤ A relocation package is available.
- The Service have developed work life balance policies and procedures that support and enable you to balance your paid work, your family life and your ability to attend work.
- Use of on-site fitness suites.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Terms & Conditions of employment will be in accordance with provisions set out in the National Joint Council for Local Authority Fire & Rescue Services Scheme of Conditions of Service (Grey Book) and supplemented by Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority's local terms and conditions and associated policies.

- Salary is £40,538 (in development) to £41,664 (when competent).
- Pension provisions in accordance with the Firefighters' Pension Scheme as amended from time to time.
- Annual, Public Holiday and Long Service leave will be in accordance with NJC conditions of service. Leave entitlement incorporating Scale A, Scale B and Long Service is 36 days each calendar year.
- Hours of work will be 42 hours per week.
- The post is located at Merseyside Fire & Rescue Headquarters, Bridle Road, Bootle, L30 4YD. Although the place of work may be anywhere within the Merseyside county area, with travel outside of the county as required.

MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE PERSON SPECIFICATION



MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

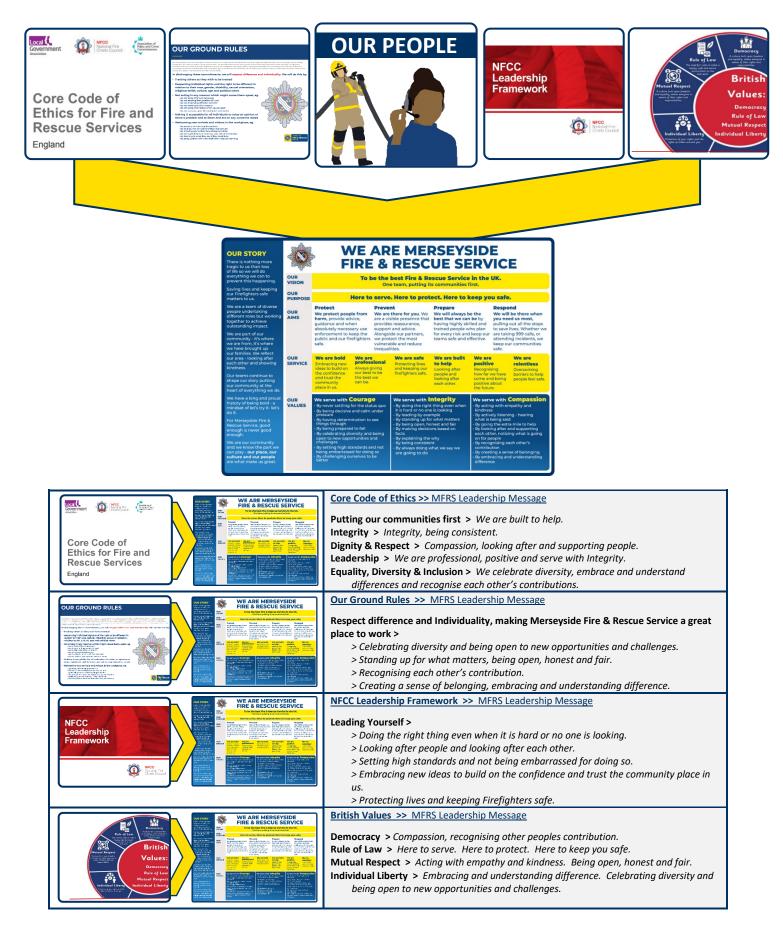
Job Title:	Watch Manager A CONTROL	Team:	Fire Control
Salary:	Watch Manager A CONTROL	Directorate:	Response
JE Reference:	N/A		

QUALIFICATIONS & TRAINING		ESSENTIAL/DESIRABLE	ASSESSED BY
IOSH Managing Safely qualification		DESIRABLE	A/PD
Education to HNC level and/or qualification	completed Supervisory Management	DESIRABLE	A/PD
Competent Crew Manager CONTRO	L	ESSENTIAL	A/PD
Must demonstrate operational com standard WM8	petence against national occupational	DESIRABLE	A/PD
KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE		ESSENTIAL/DESIRABLE	ASSESSED BY
Proven track record of assisting in the functional teams in a dynamic enviro	e management and leadership of multi- onment.	ESSENTIAL	A/I
Experience of working within a risk r	nanagement framework.	ESSENTIAL	A/I
Experience of working in a supervis rescue service control room	ory management role within a fire and	ESSENTIAL	A/I
Experience in assisting in resource p	lanning and control of resources.	ESSENTIAL	A/I
Experience in assisting in the man performance management systems	agement and delivery of a variety of	ESSENTIAL	A/I
Knowledge, understanding and the the Integrated Risk Management Pla	ability to contribute to the delivery of In.	ESSENTIAL	A/I
Experience in assisting in delivering management policies, initiatives and	and contributing to innovative change I processes.	ESSENTIAL	A/I
A knowledge and understanding of a & diversity and related legislation ar	and a personal commitment to equality and how this is applied in practice.	ESSENTIAL	A/I
SKILLS & ABILITIES		ESSENTIAL/DESIRABLE	ASSESSED BY
High level of leadership skills and the performance from others.	ability to inspire and maintain excellent	ESSENTIAL	A/I
Proven ability to work within a high whilst making effective decisions an	ly pressured, risk centred environment d delegating appropriately.	ESSENTIAL	A/I
	ple management skills and the ability to working relationships with a variety of	ESSENTIAL	A/I
Ability to undertake planning and to	demonstrate creative problem solving.	ESSENTIAL	A/I
Good level of IT skills, using Micros Excel, Outlook and other systems us	oft Office applications including Word, ed within MF&RS.	ESSENTIAL	A/I
Excellent oral and written communi	cation skills.	ESSENTIAL	A/I
WORK RELATED CIRCUMSTANCES		ESSENTIAL/DESIRABLE	ASSESSED BY
	s and behaviours; promoting a culture sivity, high performance and wellbeing, the communities we serve.	ESSENTIAL	A/I
	tinuous professional development.	ESSENTIAL	A/I/PD

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The **Leadership Message** has been created by our own staff, ensuring that it fully reflects what it means to be part of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service. There are also a number of key documents that have informed our Leadership Message, these are outlined below with explanations to show how they are linked.





MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

At Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service, our Leadership Behaviours below highlight both the 'WHAT' & 'HOW' we are expected to behave and the difference we make to the people around us. Our Leadership Behaviours reflect our Leadership Message and, in particular, our values that help us define the behaviours we are all expected to demonstrate. We have also integrated the fire service Core Code of Ethics and utilised the four leadership themes from the NFCC Leadership framework & identified leadership descriptors for each level of management. The four themes are:



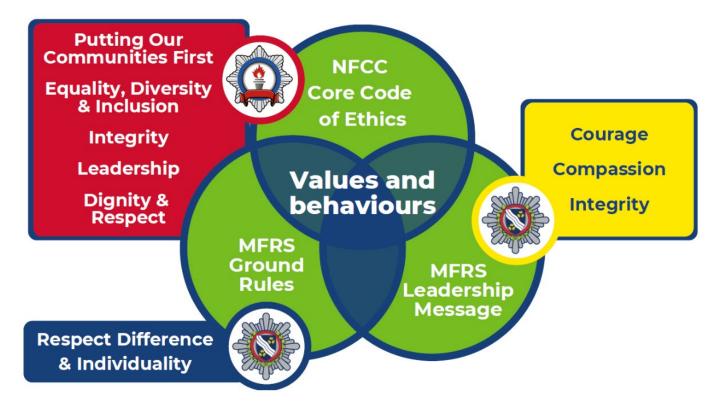
PERSONAL IMPACT • OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP • SERVICE DELIVERY • ORGANISATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

	- Vi	LEADING YOURSELF Everyone (HOW)	LEADING OTHERS Supervisory Managers (HOW)	LEADING THE FUNCTION Middle Managers (HOW)	LEADING THE SERVICE Strategic Managers (HOW)	
	MPACT r s - Empathy - - Compassion	I demonstrate Service values and behaviours.	I consistently lead by example.	l set standards of behaviour in line with Service values and behaviours	I promote and role model behaviours and make strategic decisions in line with our Leadership Message.	
	PERSONAL IMPACT WHAT Good listening skills - Emp Courage - Integrity - Comp	I value inclusion and set a positive example to others.	I take responsibility for inclusion, and encourage different points of view.	I role model and mentor others in how they communicate and engage to encourage inclusion.	I promote and uphold our values and professional standards and communicate the importance of ethical and inclusive approaches to our work.	
	Good Coura	l reflect on my own strengths and see the strengths of others (using colours).	I give and receive feedback. I provide a visible presence and recognise the contribution of others.		I actively engage with teams to seek their views.	
	1.1	LEADING YOURSELF Everyone	LEADING OTHERS Supervisory Managers	LEADING THE FUNCTION Middle Managers	LEADING THE SERVICE Strategic Managers	
	OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP WHAT sten & be informed - Persuasion Developing others - Emotionally intelligent & aware	I am an ambassador for the Service, taking pride and responsibility for the work we do and encouraging others to do the same.	I work with the team to establish a clear sense of purpose and set expectations to achieve our goal.	I work internally and externally to set clear work and objectives, actively monitoring the performance of the team and giving positive developmental feedback.	I engage with others to establish the strategic direction and the working goals of the organisation I empower, enable, and inspire people to understand and commit to the vision and communicate openly.	
	ANC be in ping ntell	I take responsibility and accountability for the quality of my own work.	I have responsibility for team effectiveness which focusses on improving outcomes and decisions.	I am accountable for the output of my teams and devolve responsibility for work to the appropriate level.		
	OUTSTAND Listen & be inf Developing o intellig	I role model proactively, learning new skills and behaviours.	I look for opportunities to support others through appraisal, coaching and mentoring.	I nurture future talent and proactively plan for succession. I look for opportunities to coach, mentor and support people outside of my teams.	I foster and embed the principles of a learning organisation.	
	le si	LEADING YOURSELF Everyone	LEADING OTHERS Supervisory Managers	LEADING THE FUNCTION Middle Managers	LEADING THE SERVICE Strategic Managers	
CE DELIV WHAT evelopme	LIVERY - ment - Cultural y - Continuous ent	I find out about my local community risks & associated behaviours to ensure we are offering the best service.	I seek to understand, prioritise & address the specific risks and diverse needs of people and communities.	I take a business-like broad approach that considers how to achieve better outcomes for communities.	I shape the wider community outcomes for the Merseyside Region.	
	SERVICE DELIV WHAT nunity developme gence - Curiosity - improvemen	I plan ahead and prioritise my work, managing my time effectively to get things done.	I look ahead to anticipate issues with local service delivery and performance and make plans to resolve or minimise issues.	I monitor the quality-of-service delivery and share information so that people know how well we are performing and plan accordingly.	I take a long-term view to consider the future political, social and economic landscape and communicate this to the organisation and external organisations.	
	Comr	I work to foster trust with others & build constructive working relationships to achieve goals.	I encourage my team to build constructive working relationships with others to achieve our aims.	I seek out opportunities to work collaboratively across teams and functions to improve service delivery.	I proactively build and sustain collaborative relationships with high-level stakeholders.	
	ent SS	LEADING YOURSELF Everyone	LEADING OTHERS Supervisory Managers	LEADING THE FUNCTION Middle Managers	LEADING THE SERVICE Strategic Managers	
FECTIVENES	FECTIVENESS n - Commitment countability ents	I know what the key organisational goals are and how I contribute.	I make sure the team understands how our work contributes to and delivers organisational priorities.	I am aware of wider organisational and political priorities and how my function contributes more widely.	I lead the organisation and develop the vision, mission and strategic business plan, inclusive of diverse and changing community risks.	
	ORGANISATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS WHAT Big picture - Collaboration - Commitmen - Communication - Accountability - Measurements	I work within the organisation's policies, procedures and processes.	I manage quality in my team, and use various sources of feedback and evidence to understand how we are performing and managing risk.	I actively seek to understand the nature of risk in various projects and act to mitigate those risks or report them.	l act as a professional advisor to governance at all levels.	
	ORGAN Big pictur	I continuously seek to improve my performance & share my ideas.	I promote continuous improvement for the team and the organisation through listening and implementing ideas.	l apply the latest business processes and do not settle for the status quo.	I foster and enable continuous improvement & promote an innovation culture encouraging people to experiment and learn.	



THE CORE CODE OF ETHICS NATIONAL FIRE CHIEFS COUNCIL

Our Leadership Message, Values and Behaviours have been created by our own staff, ensuring that it fully reflects what it means to be part of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service. The NFCC's Core Code of Ethics is also one of a number of key documents that inform our approach.



NFCC Core Code of Ethics; the 5 Key Principles.



Putting our communities first

We put the interests of the public, the community, and service users first.

We act with integrity including being open, honest, and consistent

Dignity and respect

in everything that we do.

We treat people with dignity and respect, making decisions objectively based on evidence, without discrimination or bias.

Leadership

Integrity

We are all positive role models, always demonstrating flexible and resilient leadership.

We are all accountable for everything we do and challenge all behaviour that falls short of the highest standards.

Equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI)

We continually recognise and promote the value of EDI, both within the FRS and the wider communities in which we serve.

We stand against all forms of discrimination, create equal opportunities, promote equality, foster good relations, and celebrate difference.