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### **CHECK BEFORE DONATING YOUR CAR**

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service is warning people not be misled by signs that have appeared around the county asking people to donate unwanted vehicles for local fire stations.

The distinctive blue and orange signs have been sighted at various locations in and around Slough, Reading and Crowthorne. They read: "UNWANTED VEHICLES NEEDED TO HELP SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FIRE STATIONS" and include a mobile telephone number.

The signs are not connected with Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS). Although firefighters do use donated vehicles for training in rescue work, these are first assessed by a uniformed vehicle technician, who will arrange for suitable vehicles to be collected. All paperwork regarding the transfer of vehicle ownership is completed before any vehicle is removed.

All donated vehicles are then prepared for use by RBFRS firefighters training in the removal of people trapped after road traffic collisions.

Vehicle technician Michael Pound said: "We are always on the lookout for suitable vehicles for training purposes and we are very grateful that members of the public choose to assist us in this way. We are particularly looking for vehicles that have features such as air bags, electric windows and other modern safety features."

If you have a vehicle that you would like to donate, you can contact Michael Pound on 0118 932 2746.

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