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BRACKNELL FIRE STATION OPEN DAY

If you've always wanted to have a good look behind the scenes at a fire station, then pop into Bracknell Fire Station's family-orientated Open Day on Saturday (30 August).

Firefighters will be staging a road traffic collision (RTC) display, where you can watch from just feet away as they use their hydraulic cutting and spreading tools to prise open a car and rescue a 'casualty' in a simulation of a real life road accident. There will also be a Working at Height display where the firefighters will demonstrate their specialist training and equipment for firefighting and rescues at height and in trenches and steep slopes.

In addition, the fire crews will be showing how they use the ladders, pumps and hoses and the various pieces of equipment that are an everyday part of their role. You will see how important it is that their constant training together as a team is so vital in ensuring that they are able to rescue people as quickly and safely as possible – every second counts in an emergency!

You will also be able to have a good look at the amazing range of equipment which is carried on the fire engines, to cope with anything from a broken-down lift to road accidents, chemical spills, rescuing large animals and industrial accidents to, of course, fires. There will also be an opportunity to find out how to keep you and your family safe from fire and other accidents in the home by installing smoke detectors and taking advantage of a home fire safety check – take a few moments to get some advice that may just save your life.

In addition to the fire engines, Bracknell is also home to a High Volume Pumping unit (HVP), specialist equipment capable of pumping away vast volumes of water, that is used where severe flooding has occurred, both in Berkshire and in other areas.

Have a chat with the firefighters to find out what life as a firefighter is really like or enjoy a burger from the barbecue. There will be a bouncy castle for young visitors and there are loos on site. Parking is available on site and will be marshalled by firefighters from the station. A warm welcome is promised to all so do go and say hallo. The Open Day runs from 10am until 4pm and entry is free. Bracknell Fire Station is on Downshire Way, Bracknell.

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