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ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE INVESTIGATION DOG HANDLER, HERTFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Advice for applicants:

- Put your mind to it and you certainly won't regret it

I joined the fire service because I wanted to do something worthwhile and rewarding. I wanted to try to make a difference. The fire and rescue service ticked those boxes.

The recruitment process was very straightforward. Every stage was explained thoroughly and there was lots of support in place. I had to work on my fitness to pass the physical tests, but I thrived on this as a challenge and, before I knew it, I'd passed.

Both my roles require me to work as part of a team which I really enjoy. I love working with my dog and seeing the difference he makes to our investigations. I also love engaging with the public.

My friends and family can see the impact my role has in the community. They're proud of what I do and what I've achieved.

I really enjoy what I do and hope I can continue in my role for a long time to come. It's a pleasure to go to work and there's a lot to be said for that.

I'd tell anyone considering a career in the fire service to go for it! Put your mind to it and you certainly won't regret it.