

M6 Safety Day

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service will be taking part in the M6 Safety Day this Friday in preparation for the big holiday getaway weekend.

Crews will be at three services stations on the M6 motorway - Hilton Park services between junctions 10a and 11, Stafford services between junctions 14 and 15 and Keele services between junctions 15 and 16 from 10am until 4pm on Friday July 23rd.

The M6 is the longest motorway in the country, running from junction 19 of the M1 near Rugby up to the A74 on the Scottish border. The M6 Safety Day aims to raise awareness about driving on the motorway and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service will be asking drivers simple safety and awareness questions, such as how long the driver has been driving for without a break and finding out how many people are aware of the two second braking rule.

David Steele, Risk Reduction Manager at Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service said: "We are frequently called to road traffic collisions on the M6 motorway and a lot of the collisions could have been avoided had the drivers been paying more attention to the road and their surroundings.

"The aim of this event is to highlight common mistakes drivers make, such as driving whilst tired and driving too close to the vehicle in front of them, things which can easily cause serious accidents.

"We want people to feel safe on the motorway and feel confident to be driving, however it is important that all drivers are aware of the dangers and are driving in a manner which does not endanger themselves or others."

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service will also be participating in the day and co-ordinating events at Cheshire-based service stations.