

Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

Meeting to be held on 16 December 2024

Operational Incidents of Interest

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Executive Summary

This report provides Members with information relating to operational incidents of interest since the last report to the Authority.

Recommendation(s)

The Authority is asked to note the report.

Information

This report provides Members with information relating to operational incidents of interest. This has been a busy operational period, therefore the report details only the larger deployments or more complex incidents attended. As a result, some incidents that Members have been made aware of locally, may not form part of the report.

The following summarises the incidents with further detail provided within the body of the paper:

- Road Traffic Collision in Lancaster (2/9/24)
- Hazardous Materials Incident in Chorley (6/9/24)
- Explosion in Burnley (14/9/24)
- Commercial Building Fire in Fleetwood (17/9/24)
- Heavy Goods Vehicle Fire in Lancaster (19/9/24)
- Major Entrapment of Person in Preston (23/9/24)
- Animal Rescue in Rawtenstall (28/10/24)
- Commercial Building Fire in Preston (31/10/24)
- Gas explosion in Preston (2/11/24)
- Major Incident Road Traffic Collision in Lancaster (6/11/24)

LFRS station area:	N11 Lancaster
Date:	2 September 2024
Time:	16:32

On 2 September 2024 at 16:32 hours two fire engines from Garstang and Fulwood and Urban Search and Rescue attended the M6 motorway, Lancaster. One elderly casualty was trapped underneath the cab of an articulated lorry. Fire crews used heavy rescue air bags and rams to release the casualty. The casualty was then passed to the care of ambulance crews and transported to hospital. Fire Service remained at scene for two hours and ten minutes. The scene was left with Lancashire Constabulary for accident investigation.

LFRS station area:	S54 Chorley
Date:	6 September 2024
Time:	21:45

On 6 September 2024 at 21:45 hours, two fire engines from Bamber Bridge and Chorley along with the Hazardous Materials Unit (HMU) from Burnley and Detection Identification and Monitoring (DIM) Team attended an incident on Liverpool Walk, Buckshaw Village. Crews assisted Police identifying a suspicious substance at the address. Unfortunately, one male passed away at the incident. Crews were in attendance for approximately two hours and thirty minutes as part of the multi agency response.

LFRS station area:	P90 Burnley
Date:	14 September 2024
Time:	13:45

At 13:45 hours on 14 September 2024, two fire engines from Burnley fire station along with Urban Search and Rescue appliances from Chorley and Bamber Bridge attended a domestic premises on Brunswick Street, Burnley. Firefighters used one hose reel and four breathing apparatus to carry out search and rescue operations following a suspected gas explosion at a ground floor flat that blew out most of the windows. One casualty was rescued by fire service personnel suffering from burns to hair and face and refused treatment from ambulance crews. The incident involved a multi-agency response from Cadent Gas, and Lancashire Constabulary. Fire crews were on scene for approximately two hours and ten minutes.

LFRS station area:	W32 Fleetwood
Date:	17 September 2024
Time:	19:27

At 19:27 hours on 17 September 2024, six fire engines from Blackpool, Bispham, Fleetwood, South Shore, Preesall attended a fire involving chip range at a commercial premise on Rossall Road, Thornton Cleveleys. Crews used six breathing apparatus, one foam hose reel, two dry powder extinguishers, positive pressure ventilation fan, hand tools and respiratory protection to extinguish the fire. Crews were detained approximately four hours and ten minutes. The incident was also declared a Significant Incident Fire Safety (SIFS) and follow up visits and support were carried out by members of the Protection team.

LFRS station area:	Lancaster
Date:	19 September 2024
Time:	16:34

At 16:34 hours on 19 September three fire engines from Lancaster and Morecambe and the water bowser from Leyland attended an incident on bay gateway, Halton, Lancaster. The incident was a fire involving an open top lorry containing old lead acid batteries. Firefighters used one hose reel, two breathing apparatus and quantity of foam to bring the fire under control. Crews worked in conjunction with the Environment

Agency, Police and Highways to re-open the carriageway and were detained for four hours.

LFRS station area:	C50 Preston
Date:	23 September 2024
Time:	08:14

At 0814 hours on the 23 September 2024 three fire engines from Preston, Chorley and Fulwood and several specialist Urban Search and Rescue appliances attended a rescue of person in a major entrapment on Pittman Way, Preston. The incident involved a casualty trapped by their lower limbs by a forklift truck. On arrival fire service personnel used an air bag, holmatro equipment, on site equipment and blocks and chocks to release the casualty. The casualty was left in the care of North West Ambulance Service and Air Ambulance doctors. The Fire Service were in attendance for approximately one and a half hours.

LFRS station area:	P74 Rawtenstall
Date:	28 October 2024
Time:	08:32

At 08:32 hours on 28 October 2024, four fire engines from Nelson, Bacup and Rawtenstall, an Aerial Ladder appliance from Hyndburn and the Urban Search and Rescue unit responded to an animal rescue on Cowpe Road in Rossendale. The incident involved the rescue of one injured sheep stranded on a rock face approximately thirty feet above a stream. Fire service personnel used rope rescue equipment to lower the sheep to safety and were on scene for one hour

LFRS station area:	C50 Preston
Date:	31 October 2024
Time:	18:29

At 18:28 hours on the 31 October, eight fire engines, an Aerial Ladder Platform and special appliances from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service attended a commercial building fire on Chain Caul Way, Preston. The incident involved quantities of paints, thinners and aerosols. Crews also located the presence of oxyacetylene cylinders. The firefighting robot was deployed at this incident for firefighter safety. The Fire Service were in attendance for thirteen hours.

LFRS station area:	C50 Preston
Date:	2 November 2024
Time:	22:20

At 22.20 hours on the 2 November 2024, Preston, Bamber Bridge and Fulwood, along with various appliances from the Urban Search and Rescue team, attended an incident on Gillett Street, Preston. This incident involved a gas explosion where one casualty was conveyed to hospital. Whilst in attendance crews monitored the situation and

worked with Cadent gas to make the scene safe. Fire service were in attendance for several hours.

LFRS station area:	N11 Lancaster
Date:	6 November 2024
Time:	11:34

At 11.34 hours on the 6 November 2024, four fire engines from Lancaster, Morecambe, Fulwood and Chorley attended a road traffic collision persons trapped, involving two articulated lorries and three cars on the M6 southbound between junctions thirty four and thirty three. The incident was declared a Major Incident. Firefighters used heavy rescue equipment, small tools and environmental packs to rescue persons and protect the environment. Two casualties were treated by Northwest Ambulance Service and one casualty was declared fatal. Crews were in attendance for approximately seven hours. Parts of the motorway remained closed for over a day for investigation work and motorway repairs.

Business risk

None

Sustainability or Environmental Impact

Potential impact on local environment in relation to operational incidents. Significant incidents benefit from the attendance of specialist water towers and the hazardous materials unit both of which have positive impacts on firefighting operations and reduce environmental impacts.

Equality and Diversity Implications

None

Data Protection (GDPR)

Will the proposal(s) involve the processing of personal data? No

If the answer is yes, please contact a member of the Democratic Services Team to assist with the appropriate exemption clause for confidential consideration under part 2 of the agenda.

HR implications

None

Financial implications

None

Legal implications

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of background papers

Paper:

Date:

Contact:

Reason for inclusion in Part 2 if appropriate: Insert Exemption Clause