

Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

Meeting to be held on 17 February 2025

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:

- Rescue of persons from flood water in Bacup (23/11/24)
- Response to persons in flood water in Colne (23/11/24)
- Commercial building fire in Preston (23/11/24)
- Fire involving hay bales in Chorley (29/11/24)
- Road Traffic Collision in Darwen (9/12/24)
- Domestic property fire in Chorley (9/12/24)
- Domestic property fire in Morecambe (13/12/24)
- Rescue of person in Blackburn (21/1/25)
- Commercial building fire in Blackburn (23/1/25)
- Derelict hotel fire in Blackpool (27/1/25)

LFRS station area:	P73 Bacup
Date:	23 November 2024
Time:	15:31

One fire engine from Burnley fire station along with special appliances from Rawtenstall fire station attended Market Street, Bacup. Firefighters used the Hagglund climate response vehicle to rescue two casualties who had become stranded due to rising flood waters. Firefighters were in attendance for three hours.

LFRS station area:	P96 Colne
Date:	23 November 2024
Time:	16:22

Two fire engines from Earby, Barnoldswick, two Swift Water Rescue Teams (SRT) from Nelson and Penwortham and the boat from Preston fire station attended Cockhill Lane, Foulridge to reports of one casualty swept away in flood water. This was sadly a fatal incident. Fire crews were on scene for approximately one hour and forty minutes.

LFRS station area:	C50 Preston
Date:	23 November 2024
Time:	09:41

Three fire engines, two from Preston and one from Fulwood attended an incident adjacent to Terrace Street, Preston. The fire involved a commercial premises.

Crews used six breathing apparatus, two positive pressure ventilation fans, two hose reels, one short extension ladder and breaking-in equipment (including heavy rescue Holmatro cutters) to gain entry and extinguish the fire. One casualty was rescued by fire service personnel but refused medical treatment. Crews were in attendance for three hours and fifty minutes.

LFRS station area:	S54 Chorley
Date:	29 November 2024
Time:	19:12

Four fire engines from Chorley, Bamber Bridge, Preston and Fulwood and the water bowser from Leyland attended Chapel Lane, Heapey. The fire involved a large quantity of hay bales. Fire crews used three jets to extinguish the fire. Crews were in attendance for approximately six hours.

LFRS station area:	E76 Darwen
Date:	9 December 2024
Time:	10:51

Fire engines from Darwen, Chorley and Blackburn attended a road traffic collision involving a heavy goods vehicle and a pedestrian on Bolton Road, Darwen. The incident proved to be fatal and one casualty was left in the care of paramedics. Fire crews were on scene for an hour.

LFRS station area:	S54 Chorley
Date:	9 December 2024
Time:	21:08

Three fire engines from Chorley and Bamber Bridge fire stations attended a fire involving a domestic property on Longfield Avenue in Coppull. On scene, crews used four breathing apparatus and two hose reels to fight the fire. One casualty was confirmed fatal at scene by North West Ambulance Service. Fire crews remained in attendance for a number of hours supporting partner agencies.

LFRS station area:	N12 Morecambe
Date:	13 December 2024
Time:	21:19

Six fire engines from Morecambe, Lancaster, Bolton-le-Sands and Preston, an Aerial Ladder Platform (ALP) and the drone, attended an incident on Northumberland Street, Morecambe. The incident involved a fire in a mid-terraced property. Whilst in attendance, crews used four breathing apparatus, three hose reels, a positive pressure ventilation fan, lighting, a triple extension ladder and thermal imaging camera, to locate and extinguish the fire. Crews were in attendance for approximately seven hours.

LFRS station area:	E71 Blackburn
Date:	21 January 2025
Time:	19:20

Crews from Blackburn, Great Harwood, Hyndburn, the Rope Rescue Team and the Aerial Ladder Platform from Hyndburn attended an incident on Sunny Bank Road, Blackburn. Fire crews assisted North West Ambulance Service after a casualty slipped on a muddy slope approximately 100 metres from the roadway. Fire crews used a wheeled basket stretcher to assist the recovery of the casualty. Crews were on scene approximately one hour.

LFRS station area:	E71 Blackburn
Date:	23 January 2025
Time:	11:29

Five fire engines from Preston, Bamber Bridge, Blackburn and Longridge attended a commercial building fire on Myerscough Road, Balderstone. Firefighters used six breathing apparatus and hose reel jets to extinguish the fire. Crews were in attendance for two hours and thirty minutes.

LFRS station area:	W30 Blackpool
Date:	27 January 2025
Time:	17:38

Eight fire engines and two Aerial Ladder Platforms from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) attended an incident on Wilton Parade, Blackpool. The fire involved a derelict hotel with all three floors on fire. Crews used three breathing apparatus, four jets, one hose reel, a ground monitor and the drone at the incident. Firefighters remained in attendance overnight and into the following day in order to bring the incident to a safe and successful conclusion.

Business risk

None arising from this report.

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