

# Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

Meeting to be held on 28 April 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:

- Commercial building fire in Lancaster (8/2/25)
- Derelict Building Fire in Skelmersdale (19/2/25)
- Domestic building fire in Barnoldswick (25/2/25)
- Electric car fire in Haslingden (4/3/25)
- Electric LGV fire in Chorley (4/3/25)
- Domestic building fire in Preston (9/3/25)
- Rescue of persons from water in Lancaster (15/3/25)
- Building fire in Blackpool (27/3/25)
- Road Traffic Collision in Clitheroe (30/3/25)
- Commercial building fire in Blackburn (31/3/25)

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>N11 Lancaster</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>8 February 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>12:55</b>

At 12:55 hours on 8 February 2025, several fire engines and an Aerial Ladder Platform from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS), attended an incident on Parliament Street, Lancaster. The fire involved the roof of a commercial building consisting of five floors. Firefighters used three jets and an Aerial Ladder Platform to extinguish the fire and were detained for approximately three hours.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>S56 Skelmersdale</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>19 February 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>20:50</b>

On Wednesday 19 February 2025, four fire engines from Skelmersdale, LFRS and Wigan, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue, an Aerial Ladder Platform from Preston and a water bowser from Leyland fire stations, attended a fire involving a derelict property on Beacon Lane in Dalton. On scene fire crews utilised two hose reels, a water tower and 1 handheld jet to fight the fire. Crews also used Holmatro cutting equipment while on scene. Crews remained on scene overnight to bring the incident to a successful conclusion.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>P93 Barnoldswick</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>25 February 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>22:22</b>

At 22:22 hours Tuesday 25 February 2025, three fire engines from Barnoldswick, Earby and Colne attended an incident on Queen Street, Barnoldswick. The fire involved the ground floor of a domestic property. Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus used one positive pressure ventilation fan to clear heavy smoke logging. LFRS gave first aid to one casualty before the casualty was handed into the care of North West Ambulance Service. Fire crews were in attendance for three hours and ten minutes.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>N11 Lancaster</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>28 February 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>13:06</b>

At 13:06 hours on 28 February 2025, four fire engines from Lancaster, Morecambe, Bolton le Sands and Carnforth attended a vehicle fire on the M6 southbound between junctions thirty-five and thirty-four. One casualty was treated for burns by ambulance crews and air ambulance doctors at the scene, and then air lifted to hospital. Firefighters were on scene for two hours fifty minutes.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>P75 Haslingden</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>4 March 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>10:03</b>

At 10:03 hours Tuesday 4 March 2025 four fire engines, two from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue from Bury, Ramsbottom, and two from LFRS from Hyndburn and Rawtenstall attended an incident off Bentwood Road, Haslingden, Rossendale. The fire involved an electric hybrid car. Fire crews used four breathing apparatus, two hose reels and one water curtain to extinguish the fire and mitigate and damage to nearby buildings. Crews were in attendance for six hours and thirty five minutes.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>S54 Chorley</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>4 March 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>10:51</b>

At 10:51 hours Tuesday 4 March 2025 two fire engines from Chorley attended an incident off Friday Street, Chorley. The fire involved an electric refuse wagon. Fire service used foam to cool and extinguish the fire and a thermal imaging camera to identify hot spots. Crews were in attendance for approximately three hours and thirty minutes.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>C50 Preston</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>9 March 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>21:45</b>

At 21:45 hours on the 9 March 2025 five fire engines from Preston, Penwortham, Longridge and Blackpool along with the aerial appliances from Blackpool, Preston and Hyndburn with their support pumps attended an incident on Wellington Road, Preston. Fire crews attend a fire involving a domestic property. One casualty suffering burns to upper body was taken to hospital. Fire crews used six breathing apparatus, three hose reel jets, two thermal imaging cameras, a smoke curtain, two positive pressure ventilation fans and a 10.5 meter ladder to extinguish the fire and safely bring the incident to a conclusion. Fire crews remained on scene into the next day.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>N11 Lancaster</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>15 March 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>12:04</b>

At 12:04 hours on 15 March 2025, four fire engines from Lancaster, Morecambe, Hornby and Carnforth along with the boat from Preston with supporting appliances from Preston and a further appliance from Lancaster and the drone attended Halton Road, Lancaster. Fire service personnel Swift Water Rescue Technicians rescued two casualties who were stranded on an island off the river Lune due to the tide coming in using one rescue sled. Fire crews were on scene for approximately one hour.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>W30 Blackpool</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>27 March 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>15:07</b>

On 27 March 2025 at 15:07 hours four fire engines from South Shore, Bispham, St Annes and Blackpool and Aerial Ladder Platform from Blackpool attended Park View Court, Blackpool. The fire involved flat roof on block of flats consisting of three floors. Fire service used six breathing apparatus, one main jet, one 13.5 metre ladder and two hose reels to bring the incident under control. The incident required a multi agency response including local authorities.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>E91 Clitheroe</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>30 March 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>10:23</b>

At 10:23 on the 30 March 2025, fire crews from Clitheroe, Hyndburn and Bamber Bridge along with the Urban Search and Rescue unit responded to a Road Traffic Collision that resulted in a tractor in a ditch. One casualty was suffering from a cardiac arrest whilst still in the vehicle. Fire crews extricated the casualty alongside North West Ambulance Service staff. These efforts did result in a pulse being regained. The casualty was conveyed to hospital via air ambulance. Fire crews were in attendance for approximately one hour and forty minutes.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>E71 Blackburn</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>31 March 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>00:45</b>

At 00:45 hours on Monday 31 March 2025, ten fire engines from fire stations across LFRS along with special appliances and a number of officers attended a fire on Sett End Road West, Blackburn. Fire service personnel used Water Towers and Aerial Ladder Platforms to extinguish and suppress the fire. Handheld jets and ground monitors were also used. The High Volume Pump was also established to supply water to the incident ground. The Command Unit and welfare unit supported the protracted incident. Crews remained in attendance for two days. In the early stages this was declared a Major Incident before being stood down once the incident became stabilised.

### **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**

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Date:

Contact:

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