

# Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

Meeting to be held on 23 June 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:

- Major Incident involving electrical substation in Padiham (11/4/25)
- Wildfire in Darwen (12/4/25)
- Wildfire in Chorley (12/4/25)
- Domestic property fire in Ormskirk (14/4/25)
- Road Traffic Collision in Lancaster (20/4/25)
- Commercial building fire in Clitheroe (22/4/25)
- Commercial fire in Preesall (9/5/25)
- Commercial fire in Blackburn (10/5/25)
- Commercial fire in Longridge (14/5/25)
- Commercial fire in Fulwood (16/5/25)
- Wildfire in Burnley (17/5/25)

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>P92 Padiham</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>11 April 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>11:02</b>

On 11 April 2025 at 11:02 hours two fire engines from Padiham and Burnley, the Aerial Ladder Platform from Hyndburn, Command Unit and support pump from Fulwood and drone attended Meadway, Padiham. The incident involved a fire in an electrical substation. The Incident was declared a Major Incident due to the scale of the electrical outage. Firefighters used respiratory protection and main jets to prevent fire spread and worked with partner agencies to resolve the incident and restore power to the affected communities the Fire Service were in attendance for approximately 8 hours.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>E76 Darwen</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>12 April 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>16:34</b>

At 16:34 hours on 12 April 2025, eight fire engines from Lancashire and Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Services were mobilised to a fire at Longworth Road, Belmont, Bolton. The Command Unit from Fulwood and Wildfire units from Bolton North and Rawtenstall also attended. Crews used light portable pumps, beaters, and drones during the incident which involved two seats of fire on moorland. Fire crews were in attendance for approximately four and a half hours. Crews used light portable pumps to draw water from nearby sources, beaters to manually extinguish flames, and drones to survey the area and identify hotspots. This approach helped to control and extinguish the two seats of fire on the moorland.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>S54 Chorley</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>12 April 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>15:33</b>

At 15:33 hours on 12 April 2025 six fire engines from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service attended a moorland fire on White Coppice, Heapey. Firefighters used beaters, aqua leaders and blowers to extinguish the fire. Crews remained in attendance extinguishing and damping down for several hours.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>S51 Ormskirk</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>14 April 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>07:20</b>

At 07:20 hours on 14 April 2025, eight fire engines, one aerial appliance, and the drone attended a fire involving two domestic properties plus garages on Priory Close in Burscough. Eight firefighters wore breathing apparatus and used multiple main jets to extinguish. Crews remained in attendance for thirteen hours.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>N11 Lancaster</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>20 April 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>12:20</b>

At 12:20 hours on 20 April 2025, six fire engines from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service attended a road traffic collision involving one vehicle on the M6 southbound motorway between junctions thirty-three and thirty-four. Fire service personnel extricated two casualties from the vehicle using battery-operated cutters and spreaders, small tools, and a long board. Sadly, there was one fatality at this incident. Crews were detained for two hours.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>E91 Clitheroe</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>22 April 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>15:03</b>

At 15:03 hours on 22 April 2025, five fire engines from Burnley, Clitheroe, Padiham, Nelson and Colne, with an Aerial Ladder Platform from Hyndburn, attended a fire involving a commercial building on Barley Lane, Barley, Clitheroe. The fire was in a

public house approximately 17 meters by 18 meters in size, consisting of two floors. Firefighters extinguished the fire using three hose reels, four breathing apparatus units, cutting away tools, a light portable pump, one jet and two thermal imaging cameras. Two casualties suffered the effects of smoke inhalation. Crews remained in attendance for over 18 hours.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>W33 Preesall</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>9 May 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>12:36</b>

At 12:36 hours on 9 May 2025, a call was received for a farm building attached to a house on Lancaster Road in Out Rawcliffe. Fire control obtained video footage and upon reviewing it, they immediately increased the response from three to eight fire engines and added an aerial appliance. In total, ten fire engines, two Large Animal Rescue units, an Aerial Ladder Platform, Command Unit, Water Bowser, drone and High-Volume Pump all with supporting fire engines from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service attended. Firefighters extinguished the fire using four breathing apparatus, four jets and an aerial ladder platform. Five casualties suffering from smoke inhalation were assessed by North West Ambulance Service and declined any hospital treatment. Fire crews supported a multi-agency response for over 2 days. Unfortunately, the incident resulted in the fatality of over 2500 pigs.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>E71 Blackburn</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>10 May 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>22:35</b>

At 22:35 on Saturday 10 May 2025, six fire engines and specialist appliances, including a drone and water bowser, from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service responded to a commercial fire on Northcote Road in Langho. Fire crews used two breathing apparatus and three main jets to extinguish the fire in an agricultural outbuilding. Two casualties were treated for smoke inhalation by North West Ambulance Service. Crews remained on scene for several hours.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>E59 Longridge</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>14 May 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>14:34</b>

At 14:34 hours on 14 May 2025, eight fire engines, a water bowser, a robot, an Aerial Ladder Platform, a Command Unit, a drone, and supporting vehicles responded to an incident on Alston Lane in Longridge. The fire affected three agricultural buildings. Firefighters used breathing apparatus, four jets, thermal imaging cameras, and ground monitors during the response. Five casualties were treated by ambulance crews, and firefighters administered oxygen to six calves rescued from the building. Fire crews remained on scene for approximately ten hours.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>C52 Fulwood</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>16 May 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>17:04</b>

On 16 May 2025 at 17:04 hours, ten fire engines from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service along with several specialist appliances responded to an incident on Blackleach Lane, Preston. The fire occurred at a commercial agricultural premises, resulting in five casualties suffering from smoke inhalation. The fire service utilised four breathing apparatus units, four jets, and two hose reels to extinguish the fire. Fire crews remained on site for 18 hours.

<b>LFRS station area:</b>	<b>P90 Burnley</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>17 May 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>16:42</b>

On 17 May 2025 at 16:42 hours, five fire engines from Hyndburn, Blackburn, Nelson, and Burnley responded to a fire affecting 2,000 square metres of grassland and woodland on Manchester Road in Burnley. Firefighters used two hose reels, one main jet, and a light portable pump to extinguish the fire. The crews remained on site for three hours.

### **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