

Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

Meeting to be held on 15 December 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:

- Residential building fire in Lancaster (26/8/25)
- Derelict commercial building fire in Preston (4/9/25)
- Domestic building fire in South Shore (7/9/25)
- Out of County Incident in West Yorkshire (9/9/25)
- Derelict building fire in Bacup (17/9/25)
- Sinkhole in Darwen (21/9/25)
- Derelict building fire in Blackpool (27/9/25)
- Commercial building fire in Fleetwood (28/9/25)
- Rescue from water in Blackburn (28/9/25)
- Fire in high rise building in Preston (27/10/25)

LFRS station area:	N11 Lancaster
Date:	26 August 2025
Time:	13:39

At 13:39 on the 26 August 2025 six fire engines, an aerial ladder platform and support pump along with the drone from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) attended a building fire on Shakespeare Road, Lancaster. This was a fire involving the roof of a block of residential apartments. The incident was sectorised and fire crews extinguished the fire using six breathing apparatus, one hose reel jet and one jet. Fire crews remained in attendance for over 20 hours temperature monitoring before handing over the incident.

LFRS station area:	C50 Preston
Date:	4 September 2025
Time:	16:26

At 16:26 on Thursday 4 September 2025, six fire engines and numerous specialist appliance from LFRS attended a fire involving a derelict commercial property on Maudland Bank in Preston. On scene firefighters utilised two breathing apparatus, four main line jets and one ground monitor to fight the fire. Crews remained on scene working with partners and damping down for over 15 hours.

LFRS station area:	W37 South Shore
Date:	7 September 2025
Time:	18:47

At 18:47 on September 7, 2025, fire crews from Blackpool, Bispham, South Shore, St Annes, and Blackpool's aerial appliance responded to a house fire on Common Edge Road, Blackpool. Three people were treated for smoke inhalation by ambulance staff. Firefighters used six breathing apparatus sets, a ventilation fan, and two hose reels to extinguish the blaze. Crews remained on scene over 15 hours damping down and temperature monitoring.

LFRS station area:	Out of County – Todmorden, West Yorkshire
Date:	9 September 2025
Time:	01:23

At 01:23 on September 9, 2025, fifteen fire engines from Ramsbottom, Rochdale, Bacup, Hyndburn, Littleborough, Blackpool, Nelson, Bury, Blackburn, Padiham, Heywood, Leyland, Rawtenstall, Burnley, Chadderton, as well as the water bowser from Leyland and the drone team, responded to a building fire at a commercial premises on Bacup Road in Todmorden. This was an over the border incident in West Yorkshire. This incident was declared a Major Incident and Lancashire supported the host Service for several hours during the initial stages of the incident.

LFRS station area:	P73 Bacup
Date:	17 September 2025
Time:	19:34

At 19:34 on 17 September 2025, five fire engines and special appliances from Rawtenstall, Hyndburn, Haslingden, Bacup, and Ramsbottom responded to a fire involving the first floor of a derelict building on Hew Hall Hey Road, Rawtenstall. Firefighters extinguished the fire using six breathing apparatus wearers, two hose reels, one jet, and a positive pressure ventilation unit. The firefighting team remained at the scene for approximately two and a half hours.

LFRS station area:	E76 Darwen
Date:	21 September 2025
Time:	07:21

At 07:21 on Sunday 21 September 2025, one fire engine from Darwen Fire Station and the LFRS drone team responded to a sinkhole on Green Field, Darwen. The incident continued to escalate due to the sinkhole increasing in size and LFRS Aerial Ladder Platform and Urban search and Rescue Team worked with partner agencies to recover a car and skip from the edge of the sinkhole. The incident was ongoing for almost 2 days.

LFRS station area:	W30 Blackpool
Date:	27 September 2025
Time:	16:25

At 16:25 on Saturday 27 September 2025, multiple fire appliances, an aerial ladder platform, drone, and incident command unit from LFRS responded to an incident on Queen Street, Blackpool. The fire involved a derelict building. Firefighters utilised two jets to control the fire and protect surrounding premises, crews remained on scene for several days. LFRS supported partners over the following weeks to bring the incident to a safe conclusion.

LFRS station area:	N32 Fleetwood
Date:	28 September 2025
Time:	14:14

At 14:14 on Sunday 28 September 2025, five fire engines from Fleetwood, Blackpool, Bispham, and Preesall Fire Station, along with the aerial appliance from Preston, responded to a fire at a commercial premises on Fleetwood Road North. At the scene, crews used six breathing apparatus and two hose reels to address the fire. The response lasted for approximately seven hours.

LFRS station area:	E71 Blackburn
Date:	28 September 2025
Time:	20:29

At 20:29 on Sunday 28 September 2025, four fire engines from Penwortham, Blackburn, and Darwen, along with Preston's boat, responded to a water incident on Paterson Street, Blackburn. Teams rescued one person from the water using a sled. The casualty was treated by North West Ambulance Service and conveyed to hospital. The crews were on scene for about forty minutes.

LFRS station area:	C50 Preston
Date:	27 October 2025
Time:	20:04

At 20:04 on 27 October 2025, five fire engines, an aerial ladder platform, a supporting fire engine, and a drone from LFRS attended a domestic premises on Guildhall Street, Preston. Firefighters extinguished a fire located in the rear stairwell of a high-rise building using six breathing apparatus sets, two hose reels, one main jet, and four positive pressure ventilation fans. Two individuals were assessed for smoke inhalation by North West Ambulance Service, with one person transported to hospital by ambulance. Fire crews remained at the scene for approximately four hours and forty minutes.

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:

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