

Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

Meeting to be held on 23 February 2026

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 Burnley (17/11/25)
- Road Traffic Collision in Chorley (3/12/25)
- Animal Rescue in Preesall (12/12/25)
- Dwelling fire in Bispham (19/12/25)
- Road traffic Collision in Lancaster (20/12/25)
- Building Fire in Ormskirk (22/12/25)
- Road Traffic Collision in Blackburn (25/12/25)
- Animal Rescue in Lancaster (5/1/26)
- Dwelling Fire in Bamber Bridge (6/1/26)
- Commercial Building Fire in Bacup (21/1/26)

LFRS station area:	P90 Burnley
Date:	17 November 2025
Time:	18:28

At 18:28 hours on 17 November 2025, six fire engines, an aerial ladder platform, an incident command unit and a drone, all from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, attended a large fire involving a commercial building on St James Street in Burnley. Firefighters extinguished the fire using two forty-five-millimetre jets, two hose reels and two breathing apparatus. Crews were in attendance for seven hours and twenty minutes.

LFRS station area:	S54 Chorley
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Date:	3 December 2025
Time:	12:35

At 12:35 hours on 3 December 2025 two fire engines from Chorley and the Urban Search and Rescue Teams from Bamber Bridge and Chorley attended an incident on Spendmore Lane, Coppull. The incident was a road traffic collision involving one double decker bus in collision with railway bridge. Multiple casualties were escorted from the vehicle with one being conveyed to hospital by ambulance. Fire Service were on scene for approximately two and a half hours.

LFRS station area:	W33 Preesall
Date:	12 December 2025
Time:	15:18

At 15:18 hours on 12 December 2025, four fire engines from Blackpool, Fleetwood and Lancaster including specialist animal rescue technicians and the Urban Search and Rescue attended Hornbys Lane, Out Rawcliffe. Firefighters released a horse from a ditch of water using large animal rescue equipment and spreader bars. Fire crews were in attendance for approximately four hours.

LFRS station area:	W31 Bispham
Date:	19 December 2025
Time:	15:18

At 15:18 hours on 19 December 2025, six fire engines, an aerial ladder platform with supporting fire engine, the command unit and drone attended a domestic premises on Hobart Place, Blackpool. Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus rescued one casualty from the ground floor of the premises. Firefighters extinguished the fire involving a front porch with heat and smoke spread to the first floor and roof of a two storey building containing flats using six breathing apparatus, two hose reel jets, three positive pressure ventilation fans, fire investigation tools, breaking in tools, a thermal imaging camera and a triple extension ladder. Fire crews were on scene for approximately four hours and fifty minutes.

LFRS station area:	N11 Lancaster
Date:	20 December 2025
Time:	17:11

At 17:11 on 20 December 2025, three fire engines from Lancaster and Morecambe responded to a road traffic collision on the M6 southbound carriage way between junction 34 to junction 33. The vehicle involved had left the highway and into a ditch with one casualty trapped. Firefighters utilised a Holmatro cutting equipment, scene lighting, Tirfor winch, and Paratech struts to stabilise the vehicle and remained in attendance for three and a half hours.

LFRS station area:	S51 Ormskirk
Date:	22 December 2025
Time:	00:59

At 00:59 on 22 December 2025, five fire engines and an aerial ladder appliance from Lancashire and Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue responded to a building fire on Manor Avenue, Burscough. The fire involved two semi-detached properties originating from the first floor and spread to a second property. The fire was extinguished by firefighters using eight breathing apparatus, one main line jet, two hose reels, small tools, one extension ladder, and one extension ladder. Three casualties were treated by paramedics with one later conveyed to hospital. One dog and two cats were removed from the property by firefighters and declared deceased. One cat was rescued by firefighters. Fire crews remained on scene for over ten hours working with partners.

LFRS station area:	E71 Blackburn
Date:	25 December 2025
Time:	04:50

At 04:50 hours on 25 December 2025 fire engines from Blackburn, Preston and the Urban Search and Rescue Team attended a road traffic collision persons trapped. On arrival a vehicle had collided with scaffolding and building with one casualty trapped in the vehicle. Crews used Holmatro cutting gear to release the casualty. Three casualties were taken to hospital by North West Ambulance Service. Fire crews were detained approximately one hour.

LFRS station area:	N11 Lancaster
Date:	5 January 2026
Time:	09:58

At 09:58 hours on 5 January 2026, three fire engines from Lancaster, Silverdale and Morecambe along with the swift water rescue team also from Lancaster fire stations attended the Lancaster canal at the bay gateway, Slyne to reports of three horses fallen through ice. Firefighters wearing and with swift water rescue personal protection equipment and small tools rescued the horses. Fire crews were on scene for approximately two hours and fifteen minutes.

LFRS station area:	S53 Bamber Bridge
Date:	6 January 2026
Time:	23:54

At 23:54 on 6 January 2026, fire engines from Bamber Bridge, Chorley and Penwortham along with the aerial ladder platform from Preston attended an incident on Greenwood, Bamber Bridge. The fire involved a domestic property. Firefighters used two hose reel jets, one forty-five-millimetre jet and six breathing apparatus to extinguish the fire and assist three casualties. Staff remained in attendance for a number of days supporting the investigation.

LFRS station area:	P73 Bacup
Date:	21 January 2026
Time:	01:43

At 01:43 on Wednesday 21 January 2026, ten fire engines from Lancashire and Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service attended a commercial building fire on Railway Street, Bacup. Crews used the Aerial Ladder Platform, breathing apparatus, main jets, ground monitors and a triple extension ladder to extinguish the fire. Crews remained in attendance over twenty 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

Paper:

Date:

Contact:

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