

Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

Meeting to be held on 27 April 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:

- Building fire in Burscough (5/2/26)
- Mud rescue in Skelmersdale (6/2/26)
- Commercial building fire in Blackpool (6/2/26)
- Road traffic collision in Tarleton (11/2/26)
- Hazardous materials incident in Middleton (18/2/26)
- Commercial building fire in Hapton (22/2/26)
- Domestic building fire in Preston (3/3/26)
- Rescue of person in Preston (9/3/26)
- Barn fire in Preston (13/3/26)
- Explosion at domestic house in Hambleton (27/3/26)
- Commercial building fire in Morecambe (28/3/26)

LFRS station area:	S51 Ormskirk
Date:	5 February 2026
Time:	08:23

On 5 February 2026 at 08:23, four fire engines from Skelmersdale, Ormskirk and Tarleton responded to a building fire on Mart Lane in Burscough, Lancashire. The ambulance service confirmed one fatality. The crews used four breathing apparatus and one hose reel and remained at the scene for seven hours.

LFRS station area:	S56 Skelmersdale
Date:	6 February 2026
Time:	20:24

On 6 February 2026 at 20:24, fire engines from Skelmersdale, Ormskirk, Penwortham, Darwen and Preston, along with the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) drone, responded to an incident on Chequer Lane, Skelmersdale. They rescued two people from the mud and handed six other casualties to the North West Ambulance Service. The crews worked for approximately two hours.

LFRS station area:	W37 South Shore
Date:	6 February 2026
Time:	23:30

On 6 February 2026 at 23:30, LFRS responded with fifteen fire engines, two aerial ladder platforms and a water tower to a large commercial building fire on Waterloo Road, Blackpool. The three-storey premises, approximately 50 by 100 metres, housed multiple shops and warehouse, which had a well-developed fire due to high fire loading and consequently suffered significant fire damage. A full multi-agency response was deployed to support the re-housing of nearby residents. Thankfully, no casualties were reported, and crews remained on the scene for eight days.

LFRS station area:	S58 Tarleton
Date:	11 February 2026
Time:	07:17

On 11 February 2026 at 07:17, four fire engines and the Urban Search and Rescue team responded to a road traffic collision on Southport New Road in Tarleton. The collision involved one bus and five cars resulting in one casualty being taken to hospital and three other casualties treated for minor injuries. The crews remained on scene for approximately an hour and ten minutes.

LFRS station area:	N12 Morecambe
Date:	18 February 2026
Time:	14:52

On 18 February 2026 at 14:52, two fire engines from Morecambe and Carnforth attended an incident on Gas Field Road, Heysham Business Park, Middleton, involving a large vehicle tanker leaking gas, with firefighters assisting in making the scene safe and remaining detained for approximately two hours and fifteen minutes.

LFRS station area:	E70 Hyndburn
Date:	22 February 2026
Time:	14:38

On 22 February 2026 at 14:38, five fire engines from LFRS attended a commercial building fire on Bridgewater Close, Hapton. The incident involved a two-storey building approximately forty by twenty metres, which was extinguished using six breathing apparatus and two hose reel jets, with crews remaining on scene for approximately three hours and twenty minutes.

LFRS station area:	C50 Preston
Date:	3 March 2026
Time:	08:15

On 3 March 2026 at 08:15, fire engines from Preston, Fulwood, Bamber Bridge and Penwortham, along with the aerial ladder platform from Hyndburn and the command support unit from Blackburn, attended a persons reported fire on New Hall Lane, Preston. The incident involved a domestic building with significant fire spread extending to the roof space of five other properties.

LFRS station area:	C50 Preston
Date:	9 March 2026
Time:	09:40

On 9 March 2026 at 09:40, five fire engines from Preston, Penwortham, Chorley and Bamber Bridge, including Urban Search and Rescue, rope rescue, a boat with swift water rescue technicians and an aerial ladder platform, attended an incident on South Meadow Lane, Preston. The incident involved the rescue of a person from height, with crews on scene for approximately two hours.

LFRS station area:	C50 Preston
Date:	13 March 2026
Time:	23:31

On 13 March 2026 at 23:31 LFRS responded to a barn fire on Potters Lane, Samlesbury. Eight fire engines two aerial ladder platforms and a drone attended. Firefighters used two jets and remained on scene for several hours.

LFRS station area:	W33 Preesall
Date:	27 March 2026
Time:	09:51

On 27 March 2026 at 09:51, fire engines from Preesall, Bispham, Fleetwood and South Shore, along with the aerial ladder platform from Blackpool, responded to a fire on Carr Lane in Hambleton. The fire involved an explosion in a domestic property and crews used two jets and two breathing apparatus. They remained at the scene for approximately ten hours.

LFRS station area:	N12 Morecambe
Date:	28 March 2026
Time:	16:34

On 28 March 2026 at 16:34, fire engines from Morecambe, Lancaster, Bolton-le-Sands and Fulwood, along with the command unit, robot and drone, responded to a fire in a commercial unit on White Lund Industrial Estate, Morecambe. Firefighters used two breathing apparatus and a firefighting jet, remaining on scene for four 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