

Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

Meeting to be held on Monday 15 June 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 and covering the period up to 28 May 2026.

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 Bispham (1/4/26)
- Commercial building fire in Charnock Richard (7/4/26)
- Wildfire in Bacup (26/4/26)
- Commercial building fire in Burnley (4/5/26)
- Domestic building fire in Whalley (5/5/26)
- Rescue of person in Edgeworth (18/5/26)
- Road Traffic Collision in Clitheroe (21/5/26)
- Rescue of entrapped person in Darwen (23/5/26)
- Rescue of person from water in Ribchester (26/5/26)
- Commercial building fire in Burnley (26/5/26)
- Road Traffic Collision in Tarleton (28/5/26)

LFRS station area:	W31 Bispham
Date:	1 April 2026
Time:	20:14

Five fire engines from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service attended an incident on Queens Promenade. The fire involved the kitchen of a residential home. Firefighters used six breathing apparatus and hose reels to extinguish the fire. There were multiple casualties rescued by fire service personnel. Crews were in attendance approximately four hours.

LFRS station area:	S54 Chorley
Date:	7 April 2026
Time:	21:22

Ten fire engines from Lancashire and Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Services with two Aerial Ladder Platforms and other special appliances attended Park Hall Road Charnock Richard. The fire involved a building, well alight on arrival. Crews used six breathing apparatus, three jets, Aerial Ladder Platforms, thermal image camera and drone to fight and extinguish the fire. Crews remained in attendance over the coming days, damping down and investigating the cause.

LFRS station area:	P74 Bacup
Date:	26 April 2026
Time:	21:03

Fire appliances attended a moorland fire on Futures Park, Bacup. Crews used blowers and beaters to extinguish the fire. Crews were in attendance for approximately two hours and forty-five minutes.

LFRS station area:	P90 Burnley
Date:	4 May 2026
Time:	14:55

Twelve fire engines and various special appliances attended a commercial building fire on Billington Road, Burnley. Crews used eight breathing apparatus to extinguish the fire, and subsequently remained in attendance for several days supporting the handover of the incident. This incident will be presented to Members during the CFA meeting.

LFRS station area:	E91 Clitheroe
Date:	5 May 2026
Time:	01:59

Five fire engines along with an Aerial Ladder Platform attended a domestic building fire on Pendle Drive, Whalley. Crews used one thermal imaging camera, one firefighting jet, six breathing apparatus, a partner saw and three hose reel jets. Five casualties were assessed by North West Ambulance Service and conveyed to hospital for precautionary checks. Crews remained in attendance for four hours and twenty minutes.

LFRS station area:	E76 Darwen
Date:	18 May 2026
Time:	18:36

Three fire engines from Preston and Darwen, a water rescue unit from Penwortham and rope rescue team from Chorley attended an incident on Horrobin Lane, Edgworth, Bolton. The height rescue involved a casualty who had fallen 40 feet from a steep embankment onto concrete. Firefighters used a rescue sled and rope equipment to one casualty and provided oxygen therapy. Crews were detained two-and-a-half hours.

LFRS station area:	E91 Clitheroe
Date:	21 May 2026
Time:	16:04

Three fire engines from Clitheroe, Barnoldswick and Nelson attended a road traffic collision at the junction of Main Street and Strawberry Fields in Clitheroe. One casualty was extricated from the vehicle by fire service personnel, and four casualties were conveyed to hospital by both land and air ambulances. The fire service remained in attendance for over two hours.

LFRS station area:	E76 Darwen
Date:	23 May 2026
Time:	21:13

Four fire engines from Darwen, Preston and Chorley along with the Urban Search and Rescue team responded to rescue a person in major entrapment on Church Bank Street, Darwen. The incident involved one casualty under a vehicle who was extricated by fire fighters using spreaders and passed to the care of North West Ambulance Service. Fire crews were on scene for one hour thirty minutes.

LFRS station area:	E71 Blackburn
Date:	26 May 2026
Time:	14:11

Fire engines and specialist water rescue capabilities attended an incident on Church Street, Ribchester. Fire crews worked alongside Police and North West Ambulance Service to assist with rescuing a person from water. Fire service crews used a fire service boat and drone to assist with the search. There was one fatal casualty. Fire service crews were in attendance for approximately six hours supporting the multi-agency response.

LFRS station area:	P90 Burnley
Date:	26 May 2026
Time:	20:56

Six fire engines, an Aerial Ladder Platform, Command Unit and drone attended an incident on Colne Road, Burnley. The fire involved a commercial premises which spread to adjacent properties. Firefighters used eight breathing apparatus, three hose reel jets, ceiling hooks, small tools, lighting and one jet to extinguish the fire. Crews were detained for four and a half hours.

LFRS station area:	S58 Tarleton
Date:	28 May 2026
Time:	07:28

Four fire engines from Tarleton, Southport, Chorley and Bamber Bridge along with the Urban Search and Rescue team responded to a person trapped in a large vehicle following a road traffic collision. The collision involved one large vehicle into a building, one casualty was trapped inside the vehicle and confirmed deceased. Fire Service personnel assisted with the multi-agency response for several 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