



News Release

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Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service staff deployed to aid Morocco

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service supports the United Kingdom International Search and Rescue Team (UK ISAR). This team upon request from the government mobilises to large-scale humanitarian incidents to search, rescue, and care for casualties.

Following a request from the Moroccan government UK ISAR has mobilised a team of sixty highly trained specialists to support rescue efforts following the tragic and devastating earthquake near to Marrakesh.

We are proud to say, that two members of Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service are within this team of highly skilled individuals.

Councilor Nicholas Rushton, The Chairman of The Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland Combined Fire Authority has expressed his “extreme pride in us being able to help those in need in such an international tragedy. Our thoughts go out to all those affected by this challenging event”.

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Notes to Editors:

Interviews can be arranged through prior arrangement with Corporate Communications on the details below.

About the Service

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service provides emergency response, prevention and protection services from 20 stations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Its headquarters is based in Birstall, Leicester.

During 2021/22, we attended a total of 8,259 emergency incidents, including 1,968 fires and 707 road traffic collisions. A total of 12,938 Home Safety Checks were completed and we fitted 3,546 smoke alarms. 233 schools were visited as part of the Service’s schools programme, delivering fire and road safety education to 6,724 pupils.

The Service's prevention, education, enforcement and inspection programmes have resulted in significant reductions in the number of incidents attended.

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