



News Release

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House Fire - Evington Drive – Leicester

On Friday 4 August at 09:47, emergency services were called to reports of a house fire on Evington Drive, Leicester. Police and East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) partners also responded.

Two pumps from Central, two from Eastern and one from Wigston Station attended the incident with 8 firefighters using Breathing Apparatus (BA).

Crews arrived and worked hard to extinguish the fire and prevent it from spreading to neighbouring properties. All three floors of the property were involved in fire and two men were rescued by firefighters. The two men received treatment on scene and both were taken to Queens Medical Centre where they remain in a critical condition.

The fire was extinguished, damping down took place and reinspection was carried out with a Thermal Imaging Camera which identified no further hotspots. A cordon at the property and the nearby area was in place over the weekend as Fire Investigators and Police Forensic Investigators looked to establish the cause of the fire.

It is believed the fire started accidentally and the most probable cause was an electrical fault within the battery unit of an electric bicycle.

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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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