

LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

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FATAL HOUSE FIRE IN COTTESMORE, RUTLAND

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service received a call in the early hours of this morning to a property fire in Cottesmore, Rutland.

A total of four fire appliances, including two from Oakham Fire and Rescue Station, attended the incident and were supported by the on-call doctor based at Kendrew Barracks. Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus entered the property and rescued a person who was trapped inside. Sadly however, the occupant later died in hospital.

This is a terrible tragedy and the thoughts of the fire and rescue service are with the family, friends and acquaintances of the deceased. We are fortunate that this type of tragedy happens very infrequently.

The cause of the fire is being jointly investigated by Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service and Leicestershire Police and, at this time, we have not been able to establish if the premises contained working smoke detectors.

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service staff will be working in the Cottesmore area during the next few days, to provide reassurance and advice to residents about how they can avoid a similar scenario.

Further information will be released once we have concluded our investigations.

A wide range of tips on how to keep yourself and your home safe from fire are available on Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Services website which can be found by visiting www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk

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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.

The Service's prevention, education, enforcement and inspection programmes have resulted in significant reductions in the number of incidents. In the last five years, fire related incidents have reduced by 32.6 percent.

During 2014/15, the Service attended 619 road traffic collisions, of which 155 were extrications freeing 194 people trapped inside their vehicles and completed 4316 home fire safety checks, fitting almost 4339 smoke alarms. Staff organised or supported almost 1590 events aimed at promoting fire and road safety and arson prevention, whilst also visiting 314 schools to deliver fire and road safety education to pupils.

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