



LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

NEWS RELEASE

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SERIOUS FIRE IN LYNMOUTH CLOSE, GLENFIELD

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service received a call at just after 5pm on Friday 20 January to a house fire on Lynmouth Close, Glenfield.

A total of three fire appliances, including one each from Western (New Parks), Wigston and Southern (Meridian) Fire and Rescue Stations, attended the incident. On arrival, the fire had been extinguished and a female casualty was treated on scene and transported to hospital.

Sadly, however, the occupant later died. This is a terrible tragedy and the thoughts of the Service are with the family and friends of the deceased. We are fortunate that this type of incident happens very infrequently and we continue to educate our communities in home fire safety to prevent these types of deaths.

The cause of the fire has now been investigated by Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service and has been established as accidental, from carelessly discarded smoking materials.

We will be working in the Glenfield area in the coming days to provide reassurance and advice to local residents about how they can avoid a similar scenario.

A wide range of advice and tips on how to keep yourself and your home safe from fire are available on our Service's website, which can be found by visiting www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/your-safety

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Notes to editors: Further information will be released once we have established dates and venues for post incident support events.

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 ten years, fire related incidents have reduced by 46 percent.

During 2015/16, the Service attended 666 road traffic collisions, of which 174 were extrications freeing 208 people trapped inside their vehicles and completed 5086 home fire safety checks, fitting almost 4481 smoke alarms. Staff organised or supported almost 1431 events aimed at promoting fire and road safety and arson prevention, whilst also visiting 332 schools to deliver fire and road safety education to pupils.

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