



LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

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A PERSONAL THANK YOU GIVEN TO EVERYONE INVOLVED

Tuesday 4 April at 14:00 hours
Melton Mowbray Fire and Rescue Station

Tuesday 8 November 2016 was a particularly cold winter's morning and Katie Pease took her normal route to work on the A6006 dual carriageway. Without warning, another vehicle on the opposite side of the road, hit a patch of ice, causing it to veer across the road and collide head-on with Katie's vehicle.

At around 09:00 hours, Melton Mowbray Fire and Rescue Service received an emergency call with details of 'two vehicles involved in a head-on RTC, one female driver trapped at the wheel with serious injuries'. The location was given as roundabout to Rail Bridge, Asfordby Hill area, not too far away from the train station.

Watch Manager Mick Wallis, described the scene: "On Arrival I could see that a paramedic vehicle and police vehicle were in attendance, along with an air ambulance crew which had just landed in an adjacent field. All Services were making their way over to the vehicles involved."

"I took an initial look at the incident and could immediately see that two cars had collided head on. One small car (Katie's vehicle), and a 4x4 pickup truck."

"Katie was trapped in her vehicle, with serious injuries to her lower legs, both with open fractures and exposed bones - a second appliance was therefore required immediately, so an appliance was mobilised from Birstall Fire and Rescue Station."

"Due to the severity of the road traffic collision, a risk assessment was carried out and, with all parties in agreement, a plan was put into place to create an opening by removing the driver's door on Katie's car, therefore giving paramedics the freedom to treat Katie for the injuries she had sustained."

As the injuries Katie had sustained were serious, it was decided to remove her via the driver's door and with efficient multi-agency communication, the crews worked quickly to facilitate a fast extrication. Katie was then put onto a long board stretcher and immediately rushed to the Queens Medical Centre in Nottingham via air ambulance.

Katie has decided to visit Melton Mowbray Fire and Rescue Station on Tuesday 4 April, to personally thank everyone who helped with her rescue on the day of the road traffic collision.

Refreshments will be provided for Katie and everyone in attendance and a short speech which will be given by Tim Hiskens, Station Manager.

We are looking to both local and national media to help raise the awareness of the effect weather conditions can have on all road users.

Where to find Melton Mowbray Fire and Rescue Station:

Nottingham Rd, Melton Mowbray LE13 0NP

If you are planning on attending, can you please confirm your attendance in advance by contacting the Corporate Communications team.

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Notes to editors: Station Manager, Tim Hiskens will be available on the day for media work through prior arrangement - photo opportunities will also be available. If you are unable to attend, photos of the event will be available on request.

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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