



LEICESTERSHIRE

FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

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BUSINESS SAFETY EVENT AT WARNING ZONE

The recent fire at the Corah buildings in the city centre affected many businesses and residents in Leicester in a number of ways. In an attempt to reduce future disruption and risk of fire, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service alongside other partner agencies will be holding a Business Safety Event at Warning Zone on Wednesday 8 March, from 17:00 hours.

This event will offer reassurance and advice to help educate business owners on how to keep their properties safe from fire caused accidentally and/or by arson. You'll be given the opportunity to speak to our Fire Investigation, Fire Protection and Community Safety teams who will, on the day, be covering a number of topics, including:

- Arson reduction measures including stats and evidence regarding the fires
- Fire risk assessment information
- Security measures advice
- Business continuity

Its essential businesses stay safe from fire and we hope this event will enable businesses to better protect themselves, hopefully preventing incidents occurring at properties they own and/or operate from. A fire of this size can have devastating effects on businesses and, in the worst case, can potentially close a business down.

Andrew Brodie, Assistant Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, said: "Following the recent large fire in the Corah buildings, it is important that local businesses are given as much support and advice as possible. These fires can have devastating effects on local businesses, the economy, and even the environment. The aim of this free event is to help stop this happening again."

"In addition, we will be giving expert instruction on how a business can comply with the fire safety legislation. In certain circumstances, this will enable a business owner to produce their own fire risk assessments, which

will raise their awareness of fire and potentially save them money. As such I would encourage as many local businesses as possible to attend”.

To confirm your attendance, please call 0116 287 2241 or email firesafetyadvisor@lfrs.org.

In the meantime, a wide range of tips on how to keep you and your business safe from fire are available on Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service's website which can be found by visiting www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk.

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Notes to editor: Interviews can be arranged with prior arrangement via Corporate Communications.

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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