



LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

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SERIOUS FIRES IN MELTON AND WIGSTON

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service received two separate calls yesterday evening (Sunday 19 March 2017) to two separate house fires which resulted in two fatalities.

We were called to a property on Lambert Close, Melton Mowbray, at 20:10 hours following reports that a property was well alight. Sadly one of the occupants, a 72 year old woman, died and two men, aged 70 and 32, were taken to hospital in Nottingham where they received treatment for smoke inhalation.

We were also called to a fire at a property on Warwick Road, Wigston, at 20:38 hours in which a 51 year old man was taken to hospital with severe burns and sadly died during the night.

The cause of both fires are being investigated by Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service and Leicestershire Police and, more information will be released once the investigation is complete.

This is a terrible tragedy and the thoughts of the Fire and Rescue Service are with the family, friends and acquaintances of the deceased.

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service staff will be working in the local areas during the next few days, to provide reassurance and advice to residents about how they can avoid a similar scenario – we will release dates and times as soon as they have been confirmed.

A wide range of tips and advice 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 <http://www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/your-safety>.

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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 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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