



LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

NEWS RELEASE

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LFRS ON RUBY STREET AND BEATRICE ROAD, LEICESTER OFFERING ADVICE AFTER SERIOUS FIRE

On Sunday 15 October, we attended a serious flat fire on Ruby Street, Leicester. Crews from eight fire and rescue stations, including Western, Eastern and Central, attended the incident, along with the Police and East Midlands Ambulance Service. Following a fire investigation, the blaze is believed to have been started, accidentally, by a candle flame, in which a resident sustained life-threatening injuries.

As part of our response, Community Safety Educators from Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service and firefighters from Western Fire and Rescue Station will be in the area to provide reassurance and advice on home fire safety in order to prevent any similar incidents occurring.

It's essential that everyone stays safe from the risk of fire in their homes. We would like to encourage all residents in the neighbourhood to take advantage of this opportunity to familiarise themselves with what to do in the event of a fire, but more importantly, how they can prevent fires happening in the first place.

Our mobile advice centre will be on Ruby Street and Beatrice Road on:

Wednesday 18 October between 09:00hrs and 13:00hrs.

Due to the believed cause of fire, we urge residents to take our advice on candle safety; keep lit candles away from flammable materials such as curtains and furniture, and make sure you do not leave lit candles unattended. For more information on candle safety, go to <http://www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/your-safety/at-home/candles-and-divas/>.

In the meantime, a wide range of tips on how to keep you and your home safe from fire are available on Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service's website which can be found by visiting www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/your-safety/at-home/. This information can also be found in other languages which can be found at <http://www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/your-safety/at-home/fire-safety-home/other-languages/>.

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Notes to editors: 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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