

News Release

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LFRS OFFERING ADVICE FOLLOWING FATAL FIRE

On Thursday 19 July, we attended a house fire on Brooke Road, Oakham. Crews from Coalville and Melton Mowbray Fire Stations, in addition to Stamford Fire Station (from Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service) attended the incident, along with East Midlands Ambulance Service and Leicestershire Police.

The fire, which is believed to have been caused by carelessly discarded smoking materials, was located in the kitchen. Fire crews rescued one occupant from the property, who was given CPR at the scene following smoke inhalation. They were then handed over to East Midlands Ambulance Service. Unfortunately, they later passed away in hospital.

As part of our post-incident response procedure, fire crews will be door-knocking in the area on Sunday 22 July to provide reassurance and advice on home fire safety, in order to prevent any future similar incidents occurring.

It's essential that everyone stays safe from fire in their properties. 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.

Crews from Oakham Fire Station will be door-knocking on Brooke Road, Oakham on:

Sunday 22 July between 10:00hrs and 13:00hrs.

Please note, all Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service employees carry identification cards, which they are more than happy to show you. If someone approaches your home posing as an employee of Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service, and are unwilling or unable to show you identification, do not let them in and report them to Leicestershire Police via <https://leics.police.uk/contact-us>.

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/.

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Notes to Editors:

Interviews can be arranged through prior arrangement with Corporate Communications on the details below.

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 43 percent.

During 2016/17, the Service attended 694 road traffic collisions, of which 148 were extrications from vehicles, in addition to 2,259 fires. 272 schools were visited as part of the Service's schools programme, delivering fire and road safety education to pupils. Staff organised or took part in 1,613 community safety events, promoting fire and road safety and arson prevention, and 145 Virtual Fatal Four (VF4) events as part of the Service's young drivers' road safety project.

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