

Trains, planes and automobiles steer direction of travel for training



Emergency planners take part in commander training.

Transport emergencies have been the focus of recent training sessions led by the Local Resilience Forum (LRF).

Training for a range of emergency scenarios remains a key priority and responsibility for the LRF.

Recent training exercises have centred around a possible rail accident, a potential aeroplane incident and a simulated coach crash.

(More about the coach

crash exercise can be found on page 2). Other sessions have focused on pandemic planning, commander training and crisis communications.

Andrew Murr, Training, Exercising and Organisational Learning Officer for the LRF, said: "The ability to respond swiftly and effectively to incidents is as important as ever. Training is a shared responsibility that enables all partners to contribute to making Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland a safer and more resilient place to live and work."

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News from the Chair

As we move through winter, I want to thank you for your continued commitment to keeping Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland prepared for the risks we face. The past year has shown how important strong collaboration is across all our agencies. Joint exercises of emergency scenarios have strengthened how we respond together and how we support communities during recovery.

Our work on flooding, including the launch of the Stand up to Flooding campaign, and joint engagement with residents, shows what can be achieved when partners bring their expertise together. The next phase of Risk Ready Communities will build on this, helping local groups plan for the risks that matter most to them.

Thank you for your continued support. Your involvement ensures that we remain resilient, adaptable and ready to respond when our communities need us.

Callum Faint, LRF Chair



Spotlight on support for younger victims

The impact of trauma can last for many years, particularly for young people - a fact that was reinforced during the recovery phase of a scenario based around a simulated school coach crash.

Emergency responders listened to inspirational learnings from the 'Bee the Difference' project, set up following the Manchester Arena attack.

The project, a partnership between the National Emergencies Trust and Lancaster University, illustrates how care, compassion and understanding are needed to guide effective recovery planning for young victims. The full report can be read [here](#).

Responders also received a new guide to 'Working with a community after trauma'. The guide, produced by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and Blaby District Council, outlines ways in which agencies can plan for and deliver appropriate mental health support to people in the aftermath of an incident.



Campaigns update



‘Stand up to Flooding’

Communities and businesses are being urged to ‘Stand up to Flooding’ as part of a new LRF campaign, launched to coincide with the one-year anniversary of some of the worst floods to hit the region in January 2025.

The campaign brings together key flooding messages from across LRF partner organisations, to help people identify what they can do before, during and after a flood.

Flood teams join forces

Flood experts from LRF partner agencies joined forces to offer doorstep advice to residents in Loughborough.

Representatives from Leicestershire County Council, the Environment Agency and Severn Trent's new community flooding team spent two days knocking on doors and talking to people about their flood resilience.

They were joined by national flooding campaigner Mary Long-Dhonau OBE - better known as 'Flood Mary' - who was on hand to offer practical flood resilience advice from her new FloodMobile.

Zoe Heath, Flood Engagement Officer for Leicestershire County Council said: "We want to make sure residents know they haven't been forgotten and that they have all the information and support they need."



Risk Ready Communities

Work has begun to launch the latest phase of the LRF's community response programme, known as Risk Ready Communities.

The LRF is partnering with environmental resilience charity Groundwork Five Counties to support local communities to revamp or create their own bespoke Community Response Plans.

The first engagement sessions with local community groups are expected to take place in early 2026. By preparing for key risks, communities can respond more effectively to incidents and recover more quickly.

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Make resilience your business

Three webinars to help local businesses withstand key business risks will take place in February and March.

The webinars, which are being led by industry experts, will take place on the following dates from 6 - 7pm:

- Cyber threats and information security - Tuesday 24 February
- Utility disruption, infrastructure failure & flooding - Wednesday 4 March
- Health disruption and pandemic preparedness - Thursday 12 March

The sessions form part of the LRF's wider business resilience project in partnership with Cambridge Risk Solutions. To register your interest, please email

CommunityResilience@leics.gov.uk

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Lifting the lid on LRF people!



Want to find out more about some of the amazing people who make up the LRF?

On our website, you'll find lots of useful news and information to help you and your community to be prepared - as well as profiles of LRF people like paramedic Pavel Klim (pictured left).

Read Pav's story and more at
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