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Overview of event

A fire and rescue service reported a near miss following an incident involving a LGV crane fire on a motorway. Personnel were exposed to flying debris caused by exploding tyres and the metal split rim wheels shattering. The distance travelled by the debris caused the closure of the motorway in both directions. An investigation has discovered that this is not an isolated case.





Summary of learning

The submitting Fire and Rescue Service issued an operational bulletin reminding crews the importance of:

- Limiting the number of personnel and members of the public to the hazard area
- Early establishment of safety cordons
- Carrying out a full brief to personnel deployed in the hazard area
- Wearing of appropriate PPE
- Adopting a firefighting position as far as reasonably practical from the vehicle

NOLUG Recommendations

The following recommendations have been made to address the operational learning

1. Carry out a review of National Operational Guidance - Transport and Fires and firefighting in relation to vehicle fires.
2. Assess the impact of the lack of Road supplementary material and report results for further consideration.

Research has indicated that this is not an isolated incident & therefore, due to potential for harm, an Action Note is required to make all fire and rescue services aware of the issue.

Contact information

NOL would be keen to hear of any further associated learning identified by fire and rescue services as a result of this Action Note. Please contact: NOLmail@ukfrs.com