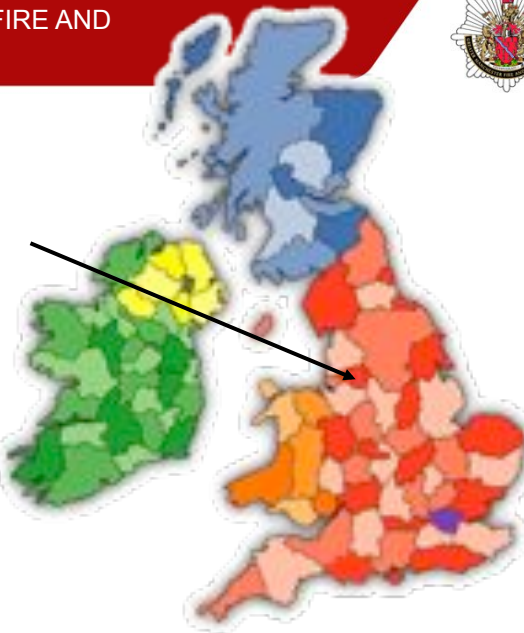


GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE



Greater Manchester is a metropolitan county in North West England, with a population of 2.57 million. It is one of the largest metropolitan areas in the United Kingdom and comprises 10 local authorities. It covers an area of approximately 500 sq miles



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41 Whole time stations.

Approximately 1,600 Professional Fire Fighters.

We deal with approximately 52,000 emergency calls a year.

Between 250 and 350 of these calls are water emergencies.



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RESOURCES

71 Front line Fire Engines.
2 Heavy Rescue Units.
5 Aerial Platforms.
1 Special Incident Unit.
2 Mass Decontamination Units.
1 B.A. Tender.
1 Incident Control Unit.
1 Urban Search and Rescue Team (USAR).
2 High Volume Pumps.
1 Hose Laying Unit.
5 Off Road Vehicles.
2 Water Incident Units.



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Common Water Related Incidents.

**Rescues from Still Water
Vehicles in water
Rescues from ice
Rescues from mud
Animal rescues
Flood water situations
Rescues from rivers
Body recovery**

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5th September 1999

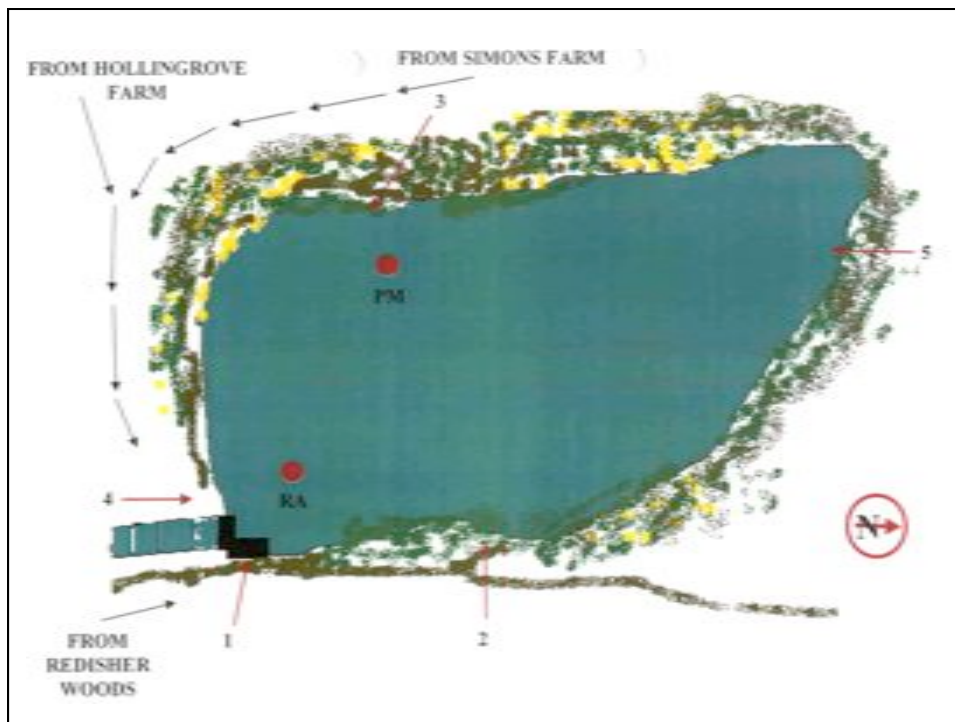
At 13.58 hrs Fire Service Control received a call;

“A young boy was drowning in a lake”.

3 Fire Engines

1 Water Rescue Unit.

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BRIEF TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

- Reyaz Ali enters the water at about **13.35**
- First 999 call made to GMAS at **13.52**
- Fire Control informed at **13.58**
- GMAS arrive at nearest access at **14.03**
- First police arrive at about same time
- Fire service arrive at nearest location **14.10**
- Crews arrive at Simons Lodge about **14.20**
- Paul seen to be in difficulty at about **14.30**
- Paul was taken from the water about **14.50**

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HSE Improvement Notice

On Friday, 1st October 1999 Greater Manchester County Fire Service was issued with an Improvement Notice by the HSE.

Within **28 days** the notice required:
A written policy and procedure.
Suitable training.
Provision of equipment.
System of monitoring & review

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Crown Prosecution Service

- Based on the Open Verdict, the family of Paul Metcalf, supported by the FBU entered a submission to the CPS to bring a private prosecution against the Fire Authority and The County Fire Office, Mr Barry Dixon, for;

Corporate Manslaughter.

- July 2002, the CPS concluded that there was not sufficient evidence to successfully bring a prosecution and secure a conviction.

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Policy Document

“Safe working,
near, on, or in
water”

Was produced and
implemented.

Then reviewed.



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Everyday, water incidents, Still present huge risk to
Fire Fighters

My advice!

- **TRAIN**
- **INVEST**
- **TRAIN AGAIN**
- **REVIEW**
- **THEN TRAIN AGAIN AND AGAIN.....**

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SubO Paul Metcalf



6th May 1959 – 5th September 1999

Thank You



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