



PRESS RELEASE

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First assessment: devastating fire causes damage totalling two million euros

Following the devastating fire that destroyed almost all the medical equipment of our rescue helicopters and ambulance jets this morning, initial figures on the extent of the damage can now be provided.

According to an initial, preliminary estimate by the LAR experts, the damage amounts to around two million euros. The devastating fire destroyed defibrillators, ventilators and ECG equipment, among other devices. In addition, the baby incubators co-developed by LAR, which are unique in the world and cost approximately 200,000 euros each, were exposed to the fire.

In view of the enormous extent of the damage, LAR is more dependent than ever on donations from the public in this difficult situation. Further information can be found on the LAR website: <https://www.lar.lu/en>

The entire Luxembourg Air Rescue team would like to thank all donors for their help.

It is only thanks to the solidarity of our supporters that LAR is able to continue its life-saving missions.

Founded in 1988, Luxembourg Air Rescue (LAR) has approximately 182,000 members and currently operates seven rescue helicopters, two Airbus H145 D3 and five MD902s. Through its operational subsidiary Luxembourg Air Ambulance (LAA), LAR also operates four state-of-the-art ambulance jets, including three Learjet 45XRs and a Challenger 605. LAR's mission is to save the lives and preserve the health of people in medical need - in Luxembourg, the Greater Region and worldwide - through the use of rescue helicopters and ambulance jets. With approximately 190 employees, LAR ensures the highest standards in the areas of medicine, technology and flight operations and is available with its alarm centre 24/7 and 365 days a year. The motto «air rescue without borders» is a living reality at LAR: in December 2020, Luxembourg Air Rescue was awarded the 2020 Adenauer-De Gaulle Prize for its outstanding cross-border achievements during the Corona crisis. www.lar.lu

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