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## Early morning rescue by Fowey's RNLI lifeboats.

**During the early hours of Sunday morning, 28<sup>th</sup> June, volunteer crew from Fowey's RNLI lifeboat station left their beds and launched both the all-weather Trent class lifeboat and the D Class inshore lifeboat, following reports of an injured person in Lantic Bay, just outside Fowey.**

At 2.36am, both lifeboats were launched after reports from the Coastguard that a person was suffering from burns to her body, on Lantic beach. Upon reaching the scene, the crew of the inshore lifeboat went onto the beach and identified the casualty. She was taken into the boat and transferred to the larger all-weather lifeboat, the '*Maurice and Joyce Hardy*', where she was given first aid treatment for the burns and treated for mild shock.

The all weather lifeboat then returned to Fowey where the casualty was transferred to the care of the waiting ambulance crew.

Volunteer crewmember, Paul Gamble says "the casualty was very lucky that they were able to raise the alarm quickly and get us there. Although her injuries were not life-threatening, it was still important to get treatment as soon as possible. With favourable sea conditions we were able to get to the beach and get her safely to the paramedics within a short space of time".

For further details of the Fowey Lifeboat station visit:

[www.foweylifeboat.co.uk](http://www.foweylifeboat.co.uk)

### Notes to Editors

- On average it costs £5,800 to launch an all weather lifeboat, such as the *Maurice and Joyce Hardy* and £2,200 to launch an inshore lifeboat like the *Olive Two*.
- This was the 17<sup>th</sup> launch of Fowey's RNLI lifeboats for rescues so far this year.

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**Key facts about the RNLI**

The RNLI charity saves lives at sea. Its volunteers provide a 24-hour search and rescue service around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland coasts. The RNLI operates over 230 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and has more than 100 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK. The RNLI is independent of Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824 its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved over 137,000 lives. The RNLI is a charity registered in England, Scotland and the Republic of Ireland.

