

## **Fw: LPC confirms arson incident at the Gauteng Provincial office**

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The Legal Practice Council (LPC) confirms an incident at the Gauteng Provincial office where a member of the public set fire to the LPC office.

"The LPC can confirm that a group of 5 members of the public visited our office and met with one of our legal officers. It appears that after consulting with the LPC representative, they started to assault a member of staff and set the office on fire," says Johan van Staden (LPC Gauteng Provincial Director).

"The police arrested one person on suspicion of arson and assault. We can also confirm that the fire only affected one office in which we consult with members of the public," adds van Staden. The LPC indicated that there were no serious injuries and that two staff members were sent to hospital for observation.

The LPC Gauteng office will remain closed until further notice and the police are investigating the matter further.

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