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FIRE crews and police swarmed [Southend Airport](#) after a fire on an aircraft.

There were 28 passengers and three crew on the twin propeller plane when one of the engines caught fire.

Fire crews said the situation had the potential to be “extremely serious” but automatic fire suppression systems on the plane extinguished the fire before it landed.

Two fire crews from Southend, and one each from [Leigh](#), Hawkwell, [Rochford](#) and [Rayleigh](#), rushed to the airport at 8.30am to provide water for the airport’s own fire crews.

The plane landed safely on one engine and fire fighters inspected the engine to ensure the fire was completely out. Crews began to leave the scene just after 9am.

Divisional officer Neil Fenwick, who attended the incident, said: "Our crews made sure the fire was fully out but were not required to take any further action. We left the scene in the hands of the airport.

"This had the potential to be an extremely serious incident but everything which should happen in a situation like this did and the plane was able to land safely and no one has been hurt."