

Grenfell Tower Inquiry

Witness Statement of Robert Officer

I make this statement about the fire in Grenfell Tower on 14 June 2017. At the present time, I am not a core participant to the Inquiry. The evidence contained within this statement is within my own knowledge unless otherwise stated.

1. Please set out your qualifications in and experience of servicing emergency lighting. Provide an outline of your certificates/training relevant to emergency lighting.

Answer: level 3 2330 city & guilds electrotechnical Techninical technology building services & BTEC Level 3 diploma electrical electronics engineering and level 3 17th edition wiring regulations BS7671.

2. What was the nature of your involvement with the emergency lighting at Grenfell Tower in respect of (a) planned service visits and/or (b) repair visits?

Answer: service visit PPM

3. What was the period of your involvement with the emergency lighting at Grenfell Tower? Please state the dates of any planned service visits or reactive maintenance/repair visits to Grenfell Tower in 2016 and 2017.

Answer: I only went there on the 13th April 2017 to test emergency lighting which was booked in by my office dispatch team then put onto my PDA job for the day

4. In respect of any planned service or reactive maintenance/repair visits you undertook to Grenfell Tower:

a. On average, how much time did you spend at Grenfell Tower per planned visit?

Answer: I spent only 1 hour 2mins on site

b. What activities (such as inspections and tests) did you typically undertake during such visits?

Answer: to test emergency lighting for 1 hour

c. How often did you undertake such visits?

Answer: I went there once on the 13th April 2017 and Signed in at the TMO office to let them know I was on site as contractor to test emergency lighting and AOV system but I couldn't test 9v AOV smoke vents as it switching off main boiler room for grenfell tower building and caretaker needs to be on site as it switches off main plant boiler room so I was unable to carry out test as caretaker was not on site 13th April 2017.

d. How did you record the results of such visits?

Answer: I am record the result on PDA worksheet

5. Was the planned service visit on 13th April 2017 (documented in the jobsheet entry of that date) your final planned maintenance visit to Grenfell Tower in respect of emergency lighting?

Answer: the service emergency lighting routine inspection was booked in for our dispatch team and allocated to my PDA.

6. What testing of the emergency lighting, if any, was carried out on 13th April 2017?

Answer: 1 hour testing I believe my emergency lighting service visit was for

7. Were you provided with access to an emergency lighting log book in respect of your 13th April 2017 visit?

Answer: what I can remember no access to emergency lighting log book.

8. The job sheet entry for 13th April 2017 records that more time was required for testing the emergency lighting. What steps were taken to arrange completion of the emergency lighting testing?

Answer: usually booked in again from our office dispatch team to go back for another service visit . I left allied protection in May 2017.

9. Did you have any concerns about the operation or safety of the emergency lighting at Grenfell Tower and, if so, how and with whom were concerns raised?

Answer: tested the emergency light at front of building ground floor main exit area as I need more time to locate other emergency lighting as it was a big building and need access through doors.

Publication

I understand that my statement will form part of the Inquiry record and will be published on the website for the Inquiry.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed: 

Robert Officer

Dated : _____ 2020