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**Sent:** 28 July 2009 17:54  
**To:** BROWN, DAVE (AC); TUREK, STEVE  
**Cc:** BROWN, STEVE; HOBART, STEVEN  
**Subject:** RE: 6PF Pedro Street, E5

Unfortunately, the feedback has not been as successful as I was hoping it would be.

Rather than me repeat what Dan Daly has told me, I will leave it for you to read.

I do not plan at this stage to do any further work in this arena unless another incident occurs in my area which shows similar tendencies.

Thanks

Tony

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**Cc:** BROWN, STEVE; HOBART, STEVEN  
**Subject:** RE: 6PF Pedro Street, E5

Thanks Tony,

Please be careful when collecting any information from residents.

regards

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**From:** DOWSETT, ANTHONY

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**Cc:** BROWN, STEVE; HOBART, STEVEN

**Subject:** 6PF Pedro Street, E5

Dave / Steve

I attended a 6PF PR fire last night at Pedro Street, E5 for a number of reasons.

One of them was the fact that an informative message was:

FLATS OF FIVE FLOORS 50 M X 20 M 30 % OF CORRIDOR ON 5 FLOOR ALIGHT UNKNOWN  
AMOUNT OF PERSONS INVOLVED 2 JETS DRY RISER BA TIC IN USE TACTICAL MODE OSCAR

I was concerned at the “unknown number of persons involved” and wanted to have a look for myself.

When I arrived, I was happy that the incident had been dealt with efficiently and effectively, but had concerns when I was told that the initial BA crew went to the fire floor (a lift lobby on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor) and were confronted with up to 16 members of the public all self evacuating.

The crews had no option but to lead them to safety as they were not going to go back into their flats.

I have asked SM Daly (F28) to arrange for a crew to visit the flats today to carry out a “quick strike” (as the crews did not leave there until gone 00.30 hours last night).

My main issue is to discuss with some of the occupiers why they reacted the way they did. i.e. what floor they were on; how did they know about the fire; what actions did they take and why?

My concerns are that appliance commanders might need to be re-assessing their on arrival tactics due to the behaviour of the public at fires in blocks of flats. It is clear that some of them definitely self evacuated whereas I don't think they would have done 4 weeks ago.

It is feasible that a crew will be ordered to a chute alight (for example) and be faced with many members of the public evacuating. The attached e-mail from SM Daly actually comments on this happening recently.

Once I have some information from the occupiers, I will share it with you both to allow a discussion on whether on arrival tactics need to be highlighted as an issue for the future.

Thanks

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