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Sent: Fri 14/10/2011 5:24:14 AM (UTC)
Subject: FW: Mass evacuation from high rise 18082011

Morning Charmaine

Could you liaise with Nick please? (see below)

Regards

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Sent: 13 October 2011 21:06
To: COOMBE, NICHOLAS; PEREZ, ALLEN J
Cc: TUREK, STEVE
Subject: RE: Mass evacuation from high rise 18082011

Allen,

I spoke to Nick Coombe about your request this morning for a 10 minute input to the Borough Commanders on 10th November 2011 regarding mass evacuation of highrise.

Nick is able to attend as requested, although he will need to work around a few prior commitment during the day. Could you therefore speak to him direct to agree a suitable time slot.

Many thanks and regards,,

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Sent: 18 August 2011 16:06
To: COWUP, PETER; BROWN, DAVE (AC); COTTON, DANIELLE
Cc: ELLIS, MICHAEL Staff Officer (Commissioner); HUGHES, IAN; RICKARD, ANDREW; BLANEY, JOSEPH; COOMBE, NICHOLAS; PHILLPOTTS, LEE
Subject: RE: Mass evacuation from high rise 18082011

Many thanks Peter,
We will be picking this up from an FSR perspective

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From: COWUP, PETER
Sent: 18 August 2011 15:46
To: BROWN, DAVE (AC); COTTON, DANIELLE
Cc: TUREK, STEVE; ELLIS, MICHAEL Staff Officer (Commissioner); HUGHES, IAN; RICKARD, ANDREW; BLANEY, JOSEPH
Subject: Mass evacuation from high rise 18082011

Dave/Dany

Please see information below for your interest and information. I have picked this up as duty DAC but I also have an interest given our recent re-write of PN633 and can confirm that the revised high rise procedure includes this issue as an operational consideration for ICs.

You may wish to consider the wider implications of this incident at the next BC communication day as I am aware of several recent incidents where MPS personnel appear to have prompted unnecessary evacuation at fire incidents. There is also the potential for similar actions on the part of staff from other Partner agencies, such as local authorities and ALMOs, as they also have personnel in and around high rise premises that may act in this way.

Borough Commanders would seem well placed to raise this matter in their local CDRP and other relevant fora in order to raise awareness among Partners of the right response in these situations. I am conscious our message will need to avoid seeming like criticism and also (on occasion) not to rule out the possibility that we will want police and other responsible persons to help with a 'mass evacuation' when the situation dictates this to be necessary.

I have copied AC Turek in as he would obviously lead-on and be interested in any implications here for commercial premises covered by RRO.

Regards

Peter

From: BLANEY, JOSEPH
Sent: 18 August 2011 15:31
To: COWUP, PETER
Cc: TUREK, STEVE; ELLIS, MICHAEL Staff Officer (Commissioner); HUGHES, IAN; RICKARD, ANDREW
Subject: RE: NOTIFICATION OF MASS EVACUATION

Peter

The building in question has a full time concierge/manager on site. The police had evacuated all of the lower floors prior to our arrival and the area was clear of residents when we arrived. I will be raising this with the local police at our next meeting, this will probably be in September now and the local crews will be revisiting the site tomorrow (hot strike etc) and will speak to the on site staff. Andy Rickard is back from leave next week and I will discuss the incident with him then

Joe

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To: BLANEY, JOSEPH

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Subject: FW: NOTIFICATION OF MASS EVACUATION

Joe

Could I request a bit of detail regarding the rationale/circumstances surrounding the MPS led evacuation?

I ask this question in the context of our advice to occupants (i.e. stay in your flat unless it is directly affected by fire, heat or smoke) and the adverse impact I would anticipate 50+ persons would have on our operations when we are trying to set up a bridgehead and commit crews.

In the short term, local liaison through established networks (e.g. CDRP, etc) might be helpful to remind police colleagues that high rise flats do not usually require generalised evacuation. Beyond that, a more strategic and London-wide communication may also be worth considering.

Peter

From: CSC-ADMIN

Sent: 18 August 2011 12:22

To: TUREK, STEVE; COWUP, PETER; HARRIS, GRANVILLE; ELLIS, MICHAEL Staff Officer (Commissioner); CHANDLER, DAVID (Staff Officer to AC Brown)

Subject: FW: NOTIFICATION OF MASS EVACUATION

18/08/2011 11:02:49

INC. 135441111 TOC 11:02:31 TEL. [REDACTED]

ITD: FIRE ITC: A1

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@ TIDESLEA TOWER

EREBUS DRIVE

THAMESMEAD

LONDON

SE28

18/08/2011 11:05:49 FUTHER CALL TO STATE THIS IS A HIGH RISE E271 ORDERED AS COMPLETION OF ATTENDANCE, SMOKE ISSUING FROM APPROX 7TH FLOOR WINDOWS

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18/08/2011 11:07:54 FURTHER CALL FROM POLICE WHO ARE ON SCENE AND EVACUATING BUILDING

18/08/2011 11:11:30 WM WILSON MAKE PUMPS FOUR

18/08/2011 11:22:03 WM WILSON FIVE ROOMED FLAT ON 11TH FLOOR 50 PERCENT ALIGHT BA TWO JETS IN USE TIC DRY RISER MDT IN USE TACTICAL MODE OSCAR E271 ICP

18/08/2011 11:27:07 WM WILSON HIGH RISE PROCEDURE IMPLEMENTED

18/08/2011 11:30:12 WM WILSON MAKE PUMPS SIX

18/08/2011 11:33:43 SM BLANEY IS NOW IN CHARGE OF THIS INCIDENT

18/08/2011 12:11:56 SM BLANEY STOP A RESIDENTIAL BLOCK OF 14 FLOORS 30 X 40 METRES 5 ROOMED FLAT ON 11TH FLOOR 75 PERCENT DAMAGED BY FIRE DRY RISER
MAIN BA TWO JETS TIC AUTOMATIC SMOKE EXTRACTION SYSTEM OPERATED
50 RESIDENTS EVACUATED TO PLACE OF SAFETY BY REGULAR MEANS TACTICAL
MODE OSCAR SAME AS ALL CALLS ALL APPLIANCES DETAINED

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