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LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

MEMORANDUM

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| TO | GM Pugsley | YOUR REF. |
| FROM | WM Daniel Meyrick | OUR REF. |
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| DATE | 16 06 2017 | |

Sir

I WM Daniel Meyrick [REDACTED]4j have been posted on CU8 red watch for over 2 years.

Myself and WM Kentfield (team leader), were at Fulham when we were mobilised as the first CU to Grenfell tower at 01.15, we approached from the south, Sirdar Rd, Grenfell Rd.

On our approach I could see flames covering approximately 8-10 floors of the tower.

I sited the CU on Bomore Rd, J/O Grenfell Rd, where it stayed for the initial stages of the incident.

On arrival the initial stages were hectic and are a little blurry, I set up the various CSS functions, within moments of arrival control were trying to contact the ICP with FSG information and struggling to get through, I intercepted this information, the usual FSG recording methods were impractical (i.e. control information pad) as there were so many, so I had to improvise, I was noting flat number, floor number, numbers of people and conditions, then passing on the information to WM Kentfield highlighting the priority calls.

CU7 arrived and WM Norman Harrison and WM Tony Peckham started to assist with FSG information gathering, along with GM Tom Goodall and SM Dan Egan.

SM Oleff (Officer of the day) called the CU8 mobile to pass more FSG information, I remained on the phone for some time (Very difficult to say how long but it was for the majority of the time the FSG situation lasted), as the FSG information coming through was continuous.

We were then ordered to use CU7 as the FSG CU, at a rough guess I would say this was within 20-30 minutes of our time of arrival.

GM Goodall and SM Egan had established comms with the bridgehead to pass FSG information, WM Harrison drew a plan of Grenfell tower showing each flat so we could record FSG information in a practical easy to read way. We established a key showing numbers of adults, children and level of priority.

This arrangement continued until there was a lull and it became apparent that there would no more FSG's.

At some point (approximately 10.00), GM Goodall handed over to GM Greg Ashman and SM Egan handed over to SM Grout and under their supervision we were trying to establish numbers of persons missing, which included collaborating with the LALO, until I was relieved by CU7 blue watch at 14.00.

N.b. These notes are not contemporaneous and were written on 16th June 2017.

WM Daniel Meyrick