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Incident 070629- 14062017
Grenfell Tower

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received ordering from base station. Area was unknown
to myself & crews

Riding on of A306 Islington's Fire Rescue Unit
approaching from Islington via A40

On arrival, the building was visibly on fire from
some distance. It was clear that this was a
fully developed fire & had engulfed all the
upper floors of the building.

Arrived on scene & attended RUP. took EUBA sets
lec Pack & TIC from appliance & booked in
at Command unit (C8). Attended & stood by
at marshalling area outside leisure center. Debris
was now falling from the building presenting
a further hazard & the fire had fully developed
through what looked like all of the floors, perhaps
except the first 6. People were visible in some of
the windows & it appeared large amounts of
both SUBA & EUBA were being moved to a
staging area before going to the bridgehead.
We were escorted to this staging area by FF's
not in BA but with riot shields to protect us
from the falling debris.

from here we were moved to the bridgehead
in what I think was a group of 10 or so EDBA
members.

Once at the bridgehead the scene was quite intense

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With better access/egress being provided by cutting out the doors. We waited while casualties were brought out. I counted 4 adults & 1 young girl who appeared unresponsive.

At the bridgehead we were briefed to complete a search of the 11th & 12th floors. We were equipped with breaching in gear & TIC but no fire-fighting media. The lower floors of the staircase were not heavily smoke logged however from the 5th/6th upwards visibility became poor.

We encountered an adult male casualty between the 11th & 12th floors. My colleagues checked the casualty who was unresponsive. As he was a bariatric casualty and we were unable to move him we needed for assistance. Channel 6 was unresponsive so we sent the message via Channel 1.

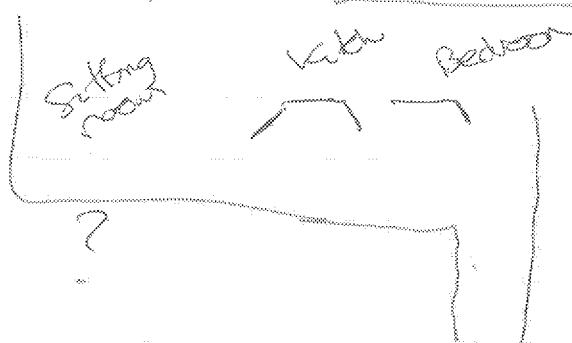
I checked the access to the 11th floor & was greeted by an intense barrier of heat which pushed me back immediately. My colleague also checked and as we couldn't make an entry we continued to the 12th floor while a separate crew with assistance dealt with the casualty. On entering the 12th floor visibility was zero we performed a right hand search & encountered flat 94 (RED DOOR). We attempted to use breaching in gear to open the door (Sledge hammer) but was limited by space & an back up crew. We debriefed them to break in & search that flat while we pushed forward. I found an open door flat 95?

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I began to search the flat with my partner on the right hand wall from memory of what we searched the flat layout was roughly



The bedroom & the sitting room both had fire around the window frame area (noticeable through the poor visibility because of the light from outside). We searched the flat as best we could using the fire but were unable to find any casualty. At this point because of the poor visibility I had connected to my partner via the 1.25 connection.

At this point my RA who had been monitoring their air advised me they were running low & because of the difficulties in traversing the building we should consider returning to entry control. I made a final sweep of the sitting room & we then made a return to entry control. At this point my colleague was visibly exhausted. We exited and made our way down the staircase. The Barratic casualty who was "apparently deceased" was still on the stairway. We also passed information to the incoming crews as to what we had done.

On return to entry control. We were debriefed & handed over the information we had. We received water & were moved back to the marshalling point outside the leisure center. Here we did

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fireground & tests on air sets & attempted to dry our fire gear which was soaked through. We received refreshments and stood by here.

After smoke relief crews became available as an alternative to those who had already worn.

Dean, Pav & I stayed together at the marshalling point time 06:10. Paul was re-committed in EOBA.

Dean, Pav & I stayed at the marshalling point outside the leisure centre assisting crews both arriving & re-attending after having worn BA. Our sets were taken by a crew from Wembley b/c I believe.

Once all RW EOBA were removed from the bridgehead & Paul was at the leisure Centre Muster point, we were debriefed to collect our NRB & attend Paddington fire station.

We picked up EOBA sets from the area provided by the rep & stored these on the appliance. The MDT & Radio were both unresponsive at this point. We left the scene and asap made contact with Control.

Control advised to call the officer of the watch to ensure all our crew were on the appliance.

I confirmed this and we attended Paddington fire station.