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Incident No. 14062017

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Flat 16 Greenfell Tower, Lancaster West Estate W11 1TG

ff Nicholas Kalini Brixton H24 RLW Bylaws served [REDACTED] OR

Was ordered onto job from Brixton fire station. Didn't know anything of local area / building. Detailed to ride PL. Appliance came from Lancaster rd and parked in Clarendon rd.

On arrival I ~~so~~ looked up and saw approx top 10 floors of ^{aside of} a building 100% alight. Further fire travel was from the corner of the building and looked almost full length to me. I immediately donned my set along with the rest of the riders of H241 and made our way towards the incident. I saw a lot of chaos and number of casualties on the ground. At first we were told to wait slightly was from the building as fresh weavers, then we were in a holding pool ~~beneath the tower next to~~ with a concrete roof just next to the fire. Debris was falling all over the place. We then made our way ~~into~~ towards bridgehead but countless casualties were being carried out at this point ^{and I could hear screams everywhere}. We were then told the 3rd floor bridgehead had been comprised and had to retreat to lobby. From this point we were told E.D.B.A was prioritised, so ~~we then~~ I then helped to get a load of breaking it down to the bridgehead while still wearing my set. It was very treacherous outside with massive parts of ^{burning} debris landing everywhere. After that I had my first view under air. My first along with my ~~best~~ H241 crew member was to fight the fire on the 5th floor and keep it under control as it was the only floor where there was ^{cras} The fire was almost surrounding the outside of the building now apart from 1 side where casualties were waving on countless floors.

~~was~~ searching & bringing down casualties from above, and
~~we won~~ It was heavily smoke logged and extremely
 hot. Boiling water was dripping down our necks from
 above. We worked with another crew from brickies & peckham
 to extinguish the fire on the 5th. Once this was done
 we searched for casualties until low on air. The
 fire was ventilated but there was steam everywhere from
 the intense heat and water. Once we were low on
 air we withdrew. Also ~~briefing~~ ^{briefing} ECO & shuffling down ~~to~~ I
 changed my cylinder & had a rest before my second
 wear. For my 2nd wear brief was to remove a
 deceased heavily overweight person from the stairs on the
 10th floor along with 3 other crew members from H24,
 so that other casualties could be evacuated. ~~We went~~ We
 tried to pull him through the first door we saw on the 10th
 but this was flashing over and we had no water so
 we had to drag him down the stairs on a salvage sheet.
~~I found this first~~ ^{It} was extremely ~~heavy~~ hard to move him
 because of the weight, and he had several broken bones
 and ^{probably} other ~~injuries~~ injuries. We worked until exhaustion in heavy
 smoke & heavy flooding in the stair wells. We left
 them in the doorway of the floor below &
 withdrew due to low air & exhaustion. After that
 I closed down and recuperated with the rest of my
 watch. That was the worst night of my career and
 I hope to never experience anything like it again.
 However I feel that the work ~~of~~ ^{of} all officers
 and firefighters in an unprecedented ~~and~~ and
 horrific was a credit to the London Fire
 Brigade

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