

Appendix A

Proforma that can be used as a guide to capture information immediately after an incident and will assist you to make contemporaneous notes. This is to be completed as soon as possible after the incident.

INCIDENT AT: Grenfell Tower

DATE OF INCIDENT: 14th June 2017

RECORD OF ACTIONS OF OPERATIONAL PERSONNEL

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN ELECTRONICALLY TO [REDACTED]

NAME:

1. Please confirm your posting, watch and how long you have been there? H34 Wimbledon Red Watch since 5th of February 2003.
2. Did you have any previous knowledge of this premises via visits or previous incidents? No.
3. Where were you when you received the ordering? Wimbledon Fire Station.
4. What appliance were you riding? H341 Pump Ladder.
5. From which direction did you approach the incident? Walked from Elgin Crescent where our appliance was parked.
6. Where was your appliance initially sited? Elgin Crescent.
7. Did this position subsequently change? No.
8. Can you describe the scene on your arrival? Multiple floors and rooms alight.
9. What could you see of the fire situation when you arrived? As above.
10. What were you tasked with doing on your arrival? Take our SDBA sets to the BA holding area.

Once there we were tasked with making up an EDBA set that was provided by PEG. Once our whole team of five had completed this task we reported to an officer in charge of BA marshalling. We were told to hold on there and await ordering. Approximately forty five minutes later we were then ordered to report to the back of the building where there was a further BA holding area. Approximately another forty five minutes later we were ordered to the base of the tower with help from the Police with their riot shields due to falling debris. Another fifteen minutes later waiting at the base of the tower we were told to report to the ECO for briefing and committing. Once there our team of four was ordered to the tenth floor where we were to find a branch and continue fire fighting up through the floors.

11. What did you actually do? Our team of four made our way to the 7th to 8th floor where we were held up by other BA crews ahead of us. We waited there for approximately ten minutes. One of our crew FF Peacock was told to go back down the stairs and advise the ECO no further teams were to be committed due to the already busy conditions in the stair well. Once he had returned and the crews ahead had made their way past us back down the stairs due to lack of air we continued our ascent. We stepped over a large deceased casualty on the tenth floor and then we think entered the twelfth floor. The door was opened by WM McKay and I pulsed some water into the floor. We then moved into the floor and started fire-fighting. First I fired water into the flat down the left hand end which knocked the remainder of the door of its hinges and created a lot of helpful light and cooler air. We then tried to get into the flat **next** to it. Fired the jet into the flat after forcing our way in as there was bedding behind the door. After more water was fired into the flat we then searched it and found nothing. Moved onto the next flat, number 82. Same scenario with bedding behind the door. We moved into the flat firing some water as it was very hot. The flat turned 90 degrees to the right. As I went round the corner we ran out of hose. At this point I could see two rooms on my right hand side both alight and I started to fire-fight. Three or four minutes passed whilst fire fighting. I asked for more hose and our team then managed to supply another three or four feet. As I moved further forward down the hallway all of a sudden the door on my left opened and there was a gentleman standing there. I immediately told him to go back in the room and close the door and our team will rescue him. I advised our team of the situation whilst I continued to fire-fight. We then exited the flat and my colleagues took the casualty down the stairwell. We made sure the branch and hose was left in the stairwell on the twelfth floor.
12. *If you went inside the building (e.g. BA) can you describe how the building behaved and anything unusual and what you did. The building seemed solid and didn't behave unusually.*
13. What were you tasked to do subsequently during this incident?
Service our EDBA sets and report to BA marshalling.
14. What did you actually do?
As above.
15. Were there any things that you witnessed or heard during this incident (beyond what you have already said) that went beyond your previous experience as a firefighter and/or that are worthy of particular note? Procedures seemed to go out the window !!!!
16. Did you have any contact with members of the public at this incident? If yes, record details
17. What time did you leave the incident? Approximately 13.45
18. Is there anything else you wish to say about the incident?