

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

Criminal Procedure Rules, r27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5b

Statement of: SPITERI, STEVEN

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: POLICE OFFICER

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This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

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Date: 15/06/2017

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

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Notes commenced 15th June 2017 Larkhall Lane TSG Base.

On the 14th June 2017 I was on duty on a 1800-0300 C/R shift, posted as driver of U534, working alongside PC Larder 5854U, PC Chaudhry 5411U, PC Roberts 5320U, PC Mills 5296U, PC Burrows 5796U working under A/PS Griffiths 5321U. At 0238hrs whilst in the Camberwell area we were deployed via CCC to attend a large fire that had been declared as a major incident, the location updated to us Grenfell Tower CAD 482 refers. We were initially asked to attend the RVP of Clarendon Road.

Arriving on scene at 0255hrs it was immediately apparent the severity of the fire, from our viewpoint of Clarendon Road it appeared the entirety of the tower was ablaze.

We were immediately tasked to change into flam proofs overalls, headovers and NATO helmets. When the entire unit was changed we then proceeded in section file through backstreets and alleys onto Bramley Road. U534 were then tasked with assisting clearing members of public from Station Walk out onto Bramley Road. This included a few males, including a male in a red t shirt and shorts and a male in a gold robe. These two males were aggressive, obstructive and hostile to all officers requesting them to move, and as such force had to be used to get them to clear the area, this was limited to gently shepherding them away up towards Latimer Road Tube.

Once the cordon was somewhat more sterile of MOP, we were tasked to hold it. Whilst on the cordon on the east footway, two separate groups of MOP approached PC Larder and I stating they were in contact with people trapped inside the block. Initially they were given advice to get these people to contact LFB by 999 themselves to make sure their location was logged. We also passed their flat numbers and floors

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and the number of people trapped via the GT channel. At first we advised them to tell the people to stay in there flats and await LFB but almost immediately after this, the circulation came out over the working channel that GOLD for LFB was now advising that due to the severity of the fire, that LFB may not be able to reach those trapped and they should attempt to make their own way out of the block. This was relayed to the MOP to pass onto their friends/relatives still trapped inside via phone.

Very soon after this we were then redeployed from the cordon further into Station Walk towards the block and briefed that we along with other TSG units would be used to provide overhead shield cover to LFB and potential casualties coming in and out of the block due to the large amount of falling and burning debris. We remained doing this role, working in 1 hour stints, until about 0800 hrs. I assisted providing cover to numerous fire fighters but had no direct interaction with any casualties during this time.

Shortly after we were instructed to make our way to BD for a welfare debrief, and then following this made our way back to Larkhall Lane for dismissal.

As above I had no dealings with any casualty, my actions are captured on BWV which was recording the entire time, except being turned off when we were on short rest periods. I did this to preserve battery life as was not sure how long we would be at the location. All my clips have now been saved on

Evidence.com under the MOPI Major Crime 100 years category.

Notes finished 0240hrs

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