

WITNESS STATEMENT

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Occupation: FIRE OFFICER

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Date: 13/12/2017

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This statement refers to my attendance at the Fire at Grenfell Tower on the 13th and 14th June, 2017. I make this statement in conjunction with notes I made on the 14th June, at Paddington fire station when I left the fire, I exhibit these notes as IGB/2.

In January, 2018 I would have been a fire fighter for 24 years. I have always been on Red Watch. I started my career at Battersea Fire Station, and did 6 years there, and then came to Lewisham as a crew manager (CM) on the Fire Rescue Unit (FRU). My badge number is [REDACTED] 3W. I am now [REDACTED]. An FRU is normally crewed by four (4) persons, and we mainly deal with road traffic accidents (RTA), chemical incident, and we wear extended duration breathing apparatus (EDBA), we are a purely rescue crew, and are not there to put out fires as such. EDBA are tanks that will give us more oxygen time, I trained to wear EDBA in 1999. I would class myself as competent in my role. As part of our training we practice fires in high rise building, we practice in the Tower in the fire station yard, and last year we did a back to basics course where I did a simulated exercise in Old Kent Road on a high rise, and I was in charge bridgehead. We do once or twice a year a mandatory computer based training programme. We often do tally training and pump drills within our own fire stations. There are high rise buildings on our ground, Lewisham, which have dry risers, and over the years I have been to a few high rise fires as a CM, but nothing like this fire, this was beyond belief, no training could prepare you for this incident.

On the 13th June, 2017 that particular shift I came onto duty at 2000 hours, I was the officer in charge of the FRU call sign E216. There were four of us riding the appliance that night, which is the minimum

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allowed, Fire fighter (FF) David De COSTA, Fire fighter (FF) Robbie GENTRY, and Fire fighter (FF) Donovan REID. We did not have enough riders that night and FF Donovan REID is actually from Chelsea fire station, and he was crewing with us to bring us to minimum allowed. It was an uneventful evening I don't think we had a shout until we got the call for Grenfell Tower. I believe it was about 2:20 in the morning, the call slip came through make pumps 40 and FRU's 10. The call slip gives the names of all the machines attending an incident, and this was about 2 foot long, so we knew that it was major incident procedure, which also means multiple casualties.

The location was Grenfell Tower, I knew roughly where we were going towards White City, and I knew the area more so because of Westfield's, I did not know that particular building or the estate. We went on the bell and it took us about 20 minutes, there was not a lot on the roads, and we went via Earls Court. On the way we were listening for messages coming through, there was quite a few messages with regards to the Fire Survival Guidance (FSG), so we knew there was people trapped on the phone speaking to the brigade. We also got a message that all floors from the 4th to 23rd were alight, which at first I thought must be a mistake, until we came up from Earls Court roundabout where Westfield shopping centre is and we could see the building. It was just completely alight, not only on the outside but the flats inside were visibly alight. I thought at first that it must be a terrorist incident, I could not believe it. We went to the roundabout up where the Westaway was, but we realised we could not get on that way, it was a really hard block to gain access to. We were using the phone to navigate as we do not have sat nav on the machines. We had to come back on ourselves and started going up Holland Park Road and did the first left into Bramley Road, which was the rendezvous point. We ended up near some road works, out of the way, but reasonably close to the tower. Straight away I could see that it was serious, we put on our EDBA, we all had our own individual sets and we also took the one thermal imaging camera (TIC), we do not wear body cameras or anything like that and on the FRU we do not have any Firefighting medium, as our main role is to rescue, so that's all we took. We went to the first Command unit (CU) we came to, I do not know which CU it was but we spoke to a watch manager (WM) and gave them our role boards, which shows the riders (Firefighters) for the night, and they instructed us to go to the leisure centre, where the marshalling point was. I could not tell you how long we were there but we got told that they needed a crew of 4 to go to the base of the Tower.

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We were trying to get across into the building and it was just raining glass and window frames and all sorts. We were standing under a covered bit right at the front of the building, I now know that it was some kind of walkway, and we had spotters that were telling us to go when safe, at one point we got half way across but it got so bad that we had to go back again. Whilst stood there I got a bit of molten glass in my mouth, and there was a fireman behind me and something went down his back, he was screaming a bit, I don't know who he was. We managed to get some water and pour it down his back and then he was fine. We wear flash hoods to protect us, but we had not started up at that point, as we had not been briefed so our flash hoods were being worn almost like a scarf around our necks.

Where we were standing under this walkway at the front of the tower, I could see fire fighters were recovering a body, it looked like a male, he had a leg missing, a couple of Fire fighters were carrying him I don't know where, and I could not see his other leg. I found out later he had jumped or fallen, and he had hit the walkway, and then he had hit a fire fighter on the way down a crew manager I believe. He did have clothes on but I could not tell you what he was wearing. It was not very pleasant and I had my mind on other things at that point.

Outside of the tower I noticed that there were two aerials, one aerial was up in position with the jet on the top of it, the jet was pointing to a walkway that took you into the mezzanine floor of the tower. There was also another aerial but it was made up, I found out later it had been damaged by falling debris, that's why they had to make it up. There were also fire engines there as well, I could not tell you how many, most of the appliances were parked quite a reasonable distance away, on a make-up like that though its man power you need not pumps, it's the people riding it the BA sets is what's required.

I have drawn a map of Grenfell Tower and the surrounding area that night including the entrance and exit points which I exhibit as IGB/1.

The police were helping the fire fighters to get into the building, by using their riot shields. We were not able to get through the main entrance of the block because of the amount of debris falling, there was about two (2) to three (3) feet of debris. We had no choice but to go through the side entrance to the block. The side entrance looked as though one of the windows had been broken to make a bigger access point so that we could get in easily. I am assuming it was another way into the lobby, there was a door there but I am pretty sure they had broken a window as well, so they could get two people in at a time, that is what it seemed like to me, but it was definitely a proper exit point. There was some sort of kid's

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playground that side too, and there was some debris coming down but not as much as there was at the main entrance of the building.

With the assistance of the police we got through the side entrance into the base of the tower, and walked through what you would probably would call the reception area, the opposite side to where we came in. There were loads of people in the lobby, there were crews coming out, and going in, quite a lot of police with their riot shields. We were on the ground floor for I don't know how long. It was just a continuous line of people being committed upstairs. Pat GOLDBOURNE who was in charge on the ground floor, he is a DO, a quite senior officer. We got called forward, I was asked how many are in my crew? I said "four," the officer said "that's great go up as a group of four" Our brief was to go up to the 9th floor and search whatever we could basically, he probably did tell us flat numbers at the time, but it was just pure adrenaline now and the knees were knocking a bit as well.

It was evident that there had been so many calls to the fire brigade, it was just to do what you can, so we started. It was a bit disconcerting as at the bottom of the stairs there were a couple of fire fighters on oxygen. I think that FF DE COSTA went up first he had the TIC, I then went second or third, and I think the standby, FF REID was the last one. As we were going up all I can remember was that there were no markings on the landings, you did not know what floor you were on. We tried to count but I now know the mistake we made, we counted from the ground floor and I now know the flats did not start until the 2nd floor. As we were going up there were still people coming down the stairs, members of the public. The lifts were not an option, the bridgehead is two (2) floors below the fire, and they were on the ground floor, so you would not use the lift, also the severity of the fire you could not use them, the fire had spread the entire length of the building, and with the motor room at the top of the building and there is no particular fire protection around the motor only possibly wooden door, it was just not an option.

We went up a few flights of stairs to a mezzanine level, there was a couple of fire fighters trying to pull hose up, and they did not have BA on. I was quite surprised how small the staircase was, the staircase was more central to the building than the staircase to the mezzanine level, which was situated to the right of the building. I was expecting something a bit bigger, but it was really small, but the staircase is quite typical of buildings built at this time, but they were narrow and small but safe. We started going up, there was lots of hose on the stairs. I could not tell you how many but there were but there were lots of members of the public coming down. When anyone was coming down we had to step out of the way to let them pass, as the staircase was so narrow. There was also fire fighters coming down with people who had

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come to their duration of their sets. There was lighting on the stairs, but it was getting more smoke logged as you were getting up, probably because of the doors being opened and closed on the different levels. There was a lot of water running down the stairs too, almost like some sort of a waterfall.

I remember I found a haligan bar on the stairs, on the way up, and I thought I shall take that it may come in handy. The bar is like a breaking in bar, you can rip door hinges off, and all things like that.

I think we were between floors ten (10) or eleven (11) when we came across a bariatric body on the stairs, FF Gentry, checked her for signs of life, and unfortunately she was dead. A bariatric body is a term we use for very large person I think she was over 20 stones. At first I was uncertain of what sex she was, a male or a female, but I now know who she is from the media, she is a black female, and I do not remember any clothing she was wearing. She was positioned face down onto the stairs and her head was upwards, she had dreadlocks in a scrunchy, she was not old in her 20's but it's easier to say now because I know who it was, so that's in my mind. We then had to make a decision to carry on up or move the body. I thought you know it's best to stick to our brief, we could not do anything for her, I thought if we had to move the body that was all we were going to be able to do, we were not going to achieve anything else, I have never had to make the decision before, to make a decision to step over a dead body and carry on I have never had to do and I hope I never have to do it again, but we could not do anything for her, she was clearly deceased. She was in the way, no doubt about that but we left her exactly where she was, you were able to squeeze past her either side, we were respectful, and we made sure we squeezed round but she was in the way, it was a problem. But we carried on up.

We got to what we originally believed was the 9th floor. FF DE COSTA and FF GENTRY were in front and they went into the landing, that's when it was really severely smoke logged. You could not see anything at all, and all of a sudden a lady and a man appeared from the first flat on the left hand side, and they were very distressed. The bloke was just gone, it was like he was fired out of a cannon he was just running, I think they had heard us, and were just so relieved that someone had got to them. They came through just as I was walking onto the lobby, he literally flew passed me, he had an accent, he did say something but I could not tell you what he said. The lady was really panicking almost to the point of being hysterical, saying she could not breath, she was Mediterranean, sort of olive skin, she had a bit of an accent, her English was good though I could understand her. I couldn't tell you their age or anything. The other firefighters afterwards seem to think she was holding a baby or a child, but I did not notice if she was.

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At that point I knew we have to get them back down, because it's a long way, I took hold of the lady almost by the scruff of the neck, as I knew we had to get down as quickly as possible. I did think of taking my BA kit off and giving her my mask, but I thought I am not going to be any good to her if anything happens to me, plus she was talking and panicking and saying she could not breath, so I thought well actually you are breathing, because you are talking to me. I asked her what floor were we on and she said the twelfth (12th) floor. It was then I realised we had gone up too many floors and we were not on the ninth (9th) floor. I asked the lady if anyone else was in her flat, she said "no". I did not ask her the flat number I just asked her if anyone else was in there.

All four of us started to make our way back down, we all stayed together, as you cannot split up the crew. We passed the bariatric female on the stairs on the way down and she was in the same position as we left her, and that was the last time I saw her. We got down to probably the third (3rd) floor at this point, there was no smoke in the stairwell, so to save oxygen, and time I made the decision to let them carry on down one more flight without us. They were walking, not injured, and I knew there would be people on the mezzanine floor that would look after them. I made that decision and then we went back up again to continue with our brief.

On the twelfth (12th) floor it was very heavily smoked logged, I did not see any fire or flames, but we were literally there for seconds before we went back down with the casualties. The visibility on the staircase on the lower floors was quite good, you could see clearly, the only thing I can say was that there were no markings, the last marking I remember was four (4) on the wall, and it was about two (2) inches high, it was not a proper marking. I could see that other people were trying to make their own marks on the walls with chalk, so it was obviously a problem for everyone knowing what floor they were on. I think it is quite obvious that you need to know what floor you are on, we go round doing visits to buildings all the time and most building would at least show the floor numbers.

We continued with our brief and counted correctly this time to go up to the ninth (9th) floor, we did not come across anyone coming down, I was aware of a BA crew behind us. I could not tell you who they were but they were wearing EDBA. We had no other equipment with us other than the TIC and the haligan bar. We opened the door to the landing and again we could not see anything at all, nothing at all, it was very, very hot as well. We started shouting but there was no reply, the stairs was reasonably smoked log but as soon as you open those doors and go onto that landing it was nothing, zero, I could not tell you where the lifts were could not see anything. We got down on our knees, FF REID stayed by the

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landing door, his role was to remain at the door, so at the end of the day if we did get disorientated not all four (4) of us are inside the flat. He was in contact the whole time. We searched for a flat, and there was a door on the right hand side, we decided to go in and search the flat as best we could. It was so hard, there was no visibility, I could not tell you the door number, but the door was open, I am thinking retrospectively now, but as the door was open, someone had probably already got out of the flat, but at the time we have to have a system, are you going to go right or left? You have to make a decision, and we went right.

FF DE COSTA had the TIC so was at the front, the TIC is such a brilliant bit of kit to have, you don't go anywhere without it now, FF De Costa would have had the strap over him and just picking up to have a look. I did not want to have a look, as I did not want to know how hot it was, as I had nothing to put the fire out with so would rather just not know. FF Gentry followed FF DE COSTA in and then me. We did find a hose and a branch outside, but there was nothing in it, no water. Maybe this particular hose had burst somewhere, but we had nothing in it, no water at all. I don't know where it was plugged in it might have been coming up the stairs, but it was right outside the flat, I could not see it, I felt it as I was kneeling on it, FF Gentry found the branch, but I was kneeling on it so I knew there was nothing inside. He opened the branch anyway and confirmed there was no water, although we had no water we still might as well go in the flat and do the best we can, truly I could have said that's it when we got to the hose, we are not going anywhere with no water, but trying to do something is better than not doing anything at all.

To be honest I did notice before we went into the building when we were standing outside, I saw the dry riser about 20 metres away, and I could see that the hose attached to the dry riser was buried under so much debris, and I thought then you could not re instate it, because there was window frames falling out it was ridiculous. There is only one inlet on a dry riser, for that sort of property. However once I was inside there was water coming down the stairs so there was water in the building, and I am assuming at one point there must have been water on that floor, and out of that hose. They could not use the aerial as a dry riser due to the amount of debris falling, the other option available is to get water into the building is to plug straight into a fire engine, and continuously plug in hose after thirty (30) metre hose, but the longer you go the less pressure you will have. There was hose running up the stairs, loads of hose on the stairs it was a bit of a problem as it was all over the place. I assume the dry riser had gone before we got there and they started running hose upstairs, probably from quite early on in the incident I would say from the amount of debris coming down. On one particular floor, I don't know which there was so much hose that

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we had to ducked down to get underneath it, it was like a rainbow up in the air, there was hose everywhere. You can have as many hose lines as you like going upstairs, but the whole reason why dry risers were invented was to stop lots of hoses going up the stairs as a trip hazard, which is what happened in the tower. But at no point did anyone ever told us that there was no water being supplied to the building.

The flat was very hot, we could not see each other, so we were so close to each other, on our hands and knees but we just had to keep talking to each other. We were all wearing our LED lit torches but it was that smoked logged that I could not see the others torches, the beam just disappeared after about a foot. I could see the flat was alight, there was orange flames to my right it was clearly alight, reasonably close to us, I think we were in a hallway, and I believe the flames were a room off to the right, but not knowing the layout of the flats or the building I cannot be certain. We spent two (2) to three (3) minutes maybe in there, I had probably taken what would have been maybe seven steps inside of the flat, I decided we were not achieving anything, we were just putting ourselves at risk, I made the decision we are coming out.

FF GENTRY, FF DE COSTA and I had a bit of a discussion as I don't think they wanted to go, but by this time I had about twelve (12) minutes left of air which is not a great deal. The oxygen tanks last depending on how hard you are working, you can make one of the sets work over an hour but you can also exhaust one (1) in twenty (20) minutes, it all depends on how hard your body is working, your level of fitness, and it was quite hard going up and down those stairs. I was just checking every now and then, the telemetry kept coming and going. My BA set is meant to send a signal to the BA board on the ground floor and it will tell them how much air we have left, but apparently this kept going. There were four (4) Entry Control boards, this is where your individual BA Tally go, and so that they know how long you have been in for and how much air you have left. This does not however affect what I can see, I can still see how much air I have left, I see it on what's called a bodyguard and it is digital, and you press the right hand button and it lights up and tells you how much air you have in minutes. There was also a repeater on the stairs which plugs into the BA boards and it will repeat the signal up the staircase, but I don't think it was working. I don't think anything was working when you get off the staircase. I had the comms (radio) set as well, and when I was trying to radio to let them know we were bringing down the casualties earlier, nothing was coming back. Everyone has a personal radio, and the main fire brigade channel is channel one (1), however I also have a separate radio, which is for all BA wearers and the same channel as the entry control officer, which is channel six (6), and because I was wearing BA I did not have my personal

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radio on. I was the only one (1) out of the four (4) of us to have comms and that was part of my job to send and receive messages.

I made the decision to go back down, which we did. We didn't see any more casualties, we did not find anyone in the flat. I could not tell you how big the flat was or how many rooms, but what we did search we did not find anyone in there, and it was just getting hotter and hotter. We came out and FF REID was still at the door, right outside the flat. We were constantly shouting out the whole time, "Fire brigade" to be honest with that level of smoke we were not expecting to get a reply, because it was that heavily smoked logged.

We made our way back down to the ground floor where the entry control point was, right by the stairs, FF De Costa was debriefing the entry control officer where we had been, I do not know who he was. They had a big thing on the wall where they were trying to sort out what had been searched, and what hadn't been searched, as it was such a large scale incident. We took our sets off and we had to wait for a few minutes for some more police to come back as it was still raining debris outside. I do not know how long we were in there for but it seemed like a long time. Both police women and men, were helping us across with their shields, they were quite tall officers, we would go two at a time, I think if a window had fallen on the shield it would not have done much good but the glass, the molten glass coming down was ridiculous, it sounded almost like it was raining, because it was constant, and those shields really protected us from that.

We then got out and we were told to go back to the leisure centre and tests our sets, which basically means to put fresh cylinders on, and give it a clean-up. We did not realise at the time, but there was a small walk way to the leisure centre through a door, but we did not know it was there, so we ended up walking all-round the street, where all the members of the public were to get back to the leisure centre, it was about a half mile walk back. I remember a bloke came up to me and gave me a bottle of water to drink. When we got back to the leisure centre and took our sets off, I could not tell you what time it was but it was still dark outside, but the sun was just starting to come up. We got some fresh cylinders, cleaned out our sets up the best we could, and basically dressed down a bit, took our tunics off, you could ring the t shirt out, everything was soaking wet. Later on, about an hour later we took all our fire gear off, as the sun had come up and it was quite warm so we turned it all inside out and laid it on the grass trying to dry it out. We got a cup of tea, sandwich to eat and basically just waited to get re committed. We were there for quite a while standing watching the building burn. There was lots of fresh crews coming in and

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fire fighters already warn. There was the major incident unit there, and lorry's of BA sets and cylinders from the protective equipment group (PEG). There were about forty (40) pumps there, every FRU unit in London, which was fourteen (14) FRU's on that night, hundreds of people. The chief, Danny was wandering amongst us having a chat, making sure everyone was alright.

Other than the woman on the stairwell I did not see any other casualties other than those that were being put in the covered way, outside of the tower, they were covered up so I could not see them, but there were multiples casualties there. The LAS was mainly based at the leisure centre.

I don't know what time it was but we were instructed to go to the side of the building by a station manager (SM) I don't know his name, but he was a young fellow, he was getting messages from whoever and was sending more crews down to get into the building to be committed. We were told to go the other side of the Tower by the community centre, where we waited again with other FRU's to be deployed for a second time. We walked around to it and I saw other FRU's from Bexley and Battersea.

When we came out again we were stood looking up at the tower, and we spotted a Chinese guy at one of the windows on the 9th floor turning his light on and off to attract attention he was very fortunate that the fire had gone up in such a weird and crazy way, as it was almost like his side of the building was not affected. I think he was on the 9th floor, and he did get out, he got lucky.

I think it was a watch manager, asked myself and the Bexley FRU which machines carry a leaky feeder, we told him it would be on a CU or a FRU, he sent someone away to get the leaky feeder. A little time later they asked my crew to go back in and lay the leaky feeder up the stairs in the Tower. A leaky feeder is basically a cable one end which plugs into the BA boards and the other end you take upstairs and plug into the repeaters, instead of it being at the bottom you can have them dotted up the building, to get a better signal. So we went to the base of the building again, still with the assistance of the police as there was still debris coming down, even at this stage. We went through the same entrance we used before. We were on the ground floor and we just sat there waiting to be committed, fire fighters were beginning to get a bit annoyed as we were just sitting there for ages just not doing anything. We were sat directly as you went through the doors by some chairs. We took our sets off again, there were at least another ten (10) to twenty (20) EDBA wearers waiting with us, and a constant flow of fire fighters coming out, but I did not see any residents.

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The leaky feeder came past us and someone else did it, it was now light by this point, we were then asked to go to the fourth (4th) floor and try to sort out the jumble of hoses, and lay them into flat twenty (20). We made our way to the fourth (4th) floor there was no smoke, it was clear, but after a short while of trying to sort the hose out a group manager (GM) told us not to bother and to go back to the leisure centre, which we did, I think it must have been around seven (7) or eight (8) am by this time.

Relief was now beginning to arrive, blue watch. They were arriving on minibuses. We were told to go to Paddington fire station to make notes of what we had done, we don't write logs or anything, but we were told to write some notes. We took our sets back to our FRU, on Bramley Road. I remember there was a female reporter trying to ask FF DE COSTA questions, I remember thinking she was just annoying and FF DE COSTA just did not acknowledge her. We could not get our appliance out and had no way of getting back to Paddington, so GM MONROE drove us in a minibus, which was earlier used to drop blue watch off. When we left most of the fire was out, but there was still lots of smoke, quite dark smoke. We must have arrived at Paddington between one (1) and two (2) pm. We wrote our notes had some refreshments and were given a t shirt which I believe was being handed out on behalf of Richard BRANSON. GM Monroe then drove us back to Lewisham. I booked off at about eighteen thirty (1830) hours. I had a shower, spoke briefly to the area commander of south east, who was waiting for us in the mess, to see how we are. I went home and then came back on duty at twenty thirty (2030) hours. I did not go back to Grenfell Tower that night and I have not been back since.

The whole time we were in the building I do not remember hearing any fire alarms sounding. I remember that another aerial was arriving from I think Surrey fire service at some point, as their platform reaches higher than ours.

Our policy when dealing with a fire survival guidance (FSG) is the stay put policy, this policy is that persons who call the brigade to say that there is a fire, stay put in their property, shut the door and make themselves visible by a window. I think this is the right advice and still the right advice after Grenfell, as you would not normally expect a fire to spread like that did. The FSG means that the operator stays on the line with that person who is trapped. The night of the fire the order to evacuate I believe was already made prior to our attendance, I do not know who ordered this, but it would have been a high ranking officer. With every incident we have a command structure, the Incident Commander is in charge who was Andy Rowe that night, next would be the deputy assistant commissioner (DAC), but I do not know who that was, then there are group manager (GM), there would have been several of them, but one I did see

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who I knew was Pat GOLDBOURNE. Then there will be station managers (SM) and watch managers (WM), and then the firefighters (FF). We would also have Gold, Silver and Bronze, Gold is remote away from the incident, which I believe was in Merton, your control room and then there is Silver who would be based at the incident and would be the incident commander, Andy ROWE, and then bronze, which will be a command unit involved in the fighting of the fire, which on the night of the fire was at the base of the tower, the Bridgehead, who was Pat GOLDBOURNE. I have to say when we first got to the Tower I thought this must be a terrorist incident. The cladding was clearly alight, but I think if this fire had happened in December or January it might not have been this bad, as people's windows would not have been open. I think the cladding caused the fire to leap up the building. You would never imagine before this that it would do that, you are not going to think it is flammable. In my opinion the only reason the fire spread so quickly was because of the outside, it was not gas or electrical problems it was the outside of the building.

I have not heard that many firefighters got injured by this fire, I suffered a blister inside my lip for about two (2) weeks due to some molten glass burning me. There was the fireman behind me that had something down his neck which obviously hurt him until water was poured down his back. I also heard that WM John STEVENS from Brixton got some molten metal on his neck, but have not heard of anyone else.

Grenfell Tower is a once in a lifetime fire, it will never happen again, this was unforeseen and the fire spreading so quickly is because of the cladding, and the windows in the tower being open because it was so hot. I believe the fire brigade have all the resources we need to fight fires, I do not think we need anything more, yes sprinklers may be a positive thing to have in that it may stop a fire spreading, but it will not be capable of putting fires out.

Since Grenfell Tower the Brigade has already bought in a change with how we respond to tower block fires and that is, we now have to respond with five (5) pumps, an aerial and an FRU.

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