

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]@london-fire.gov.uk

NAME:

1. Please confirm your posting, watch and how long you have been there? H34 Wimbledon Red Watch. 10 years
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.

Whilst at the holding area SM shouted over we need 2 more in EDBA. So I then volunteered and went in with Croydon's FRU Crew H31

11. What did you actually do?

We went from the BA holding area under the cover of riot shields to the base of the tower. Once in there we headed over to the BA entry control.

I was part of a crew of 2. We were briefed to go to the 12th floor search and rescue as there was a Person on a FSG Call. However there was a problem with the water. But we choose as a crew to carry on and try and save the person.

On the way up the stairs there was a lot of hose. We stepped over a large deceased casualty on the tenth floor and then we think entered the twelfth floor. I opened the door as per door procedure as best we could without any water. We then carried a search of the right hand wall. We then came across a fire and had to come back as we had no extinguishing media. We then moved round the rest of the floor searching. We found 2 unopened doors but we couldn't open them as they felt too hot and we didn't compromise our egress and the other crews in the stair well. We were banging on the doors and shouting but no answer. We then left the 12th floor unable to find the person.

We then made our way up to the 13th floor. We entered the door and took 3 to 4 steps and had to come out as the heat was unbearable. I've never felt heat like it.

We then went down the stairs to what we believe was the 6th floor and asked to search that floor by someone on the stair well. We smashed in 2 doors with the enforcer. We then came out of the incident as it was close to time of whistle.

The 2nd time I went into the tower. We were waiting down under the tower in our EDBA sets. I was then with a crew from the CBRN team. I think we were waiting for approx. 2 hours before we were committed. However this time we were told to leave our sets and instructed to carry out hose management, bring the uncharged lengths and put them in the lobby's of the floors. Whilst carrying out this task, I noticed that there was a lot of smoke coming from the 8th floor when I opened the lobby door. I then looked over to another FF and said, "lets take a look" so as we went round to the right there was a jet on the floor and the fire was coming from a bedroom. So myself and another FF (don't know who he was) attacked the fire. At this point we were able to knock the flames down. There was considerable amount of smoke and steam that was affecting our breathing. At this point I said "this is fucking stupid we need sets on mate" so we left the jet on the floor in the hallway. And went of down to entry control. I informed them that there was a fire on the 8th floor and they needed to put sets on the crews.

I was then at the base of the tower and informed that all red watch are to head back over to the leisure centre.

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 went missing. But like myself and others I think we all thought about the lives in there we had to save.

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 14.45
18. Is there anything else you wish to say about the incident?