

Committee(s)	Dated:
Safer City Partnership Strategy Group – For Information	7 July 2020
Subject: London Fire Brigade Update	
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Summary

Update on activity of London Fire Brigade, City, since the last meeting of Safer City Partnership Group.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

Main Report

London Fire Brigade Update- July 2020

Overview

- During the pandemic the LFB have continued to provide a full emergency fire and rescue service response and we have played a full part in assisting other emergency services.
- The City's Fire Crews attended 327 operational incidents in the last 4 months
- Average attendance time for this period is 4m 30s we are below average Brigade wide times at 4:52

Recent Community Activities

- Over 300 LFB staff, including people from Dowgate Fire Station, have been working with the London Ambulance Service, driving ambulances and assisting paramedics. They have provided up to 170 additional ambulances a day and responded to nearly 30,000 ambulance-led incidents to date.
- 96 LFB volunteers stood up for the Pandemic Multi-Agency Response Teams, assisting with a safe response to Covid-19 deaths that occurred in the community. In seven weeks the teams dealt with 751 cases. With the reduction in Covid-19 deaths, the capability has been stood down. But if needed in the future the Brigade will stand up again to and offer assistance.
- The LFB held a conference with The City's 'Hi-Rig' group of iconic and large estates. The conference provided the LFB with an opportunity to support our

business community to prevent disruption by reducing unwanted fire alarms. Since 2018 the LFB has responded to over 2113 preventable false alarms in The City. This significant disruption and business loss can be reduced to prevent further harm during the Covid period. (The attached spreadsheet provides additional information on the scale of the matter).

The allowed those responsible for the safety of premises to speak to a senior LFB fire engineer and enforcement officer to explore ways of complying with fire safety legislation in the built environment with social distancing needs.

Incidents of Note to 24th June 2020

The following extracts from incident reports provides an outline of the more significant or disruptive incidents attended by The City's fire crews.

- **OLD BROAD STREET, LONDON, EC2N**

FOUR PUMP SPECIAL SERVICE - CONFIRMED HAZARDOUS MATERIAL

“STOP: OFFICE BLOCK OF 42 FLOORS AND SUB BASEMENT 60M BY 60M 15KG OF FIRE SUPPRESSANT ACCIDENTALLY RELEASED BY ONSITE ENGINEERS IN SUB BASEMENT SMALL FIRE IN FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM CAUSING ELEVATED READINGS OF CARBON MONOXIDE SWEEP CARRIED OUT BY SPECIALIST CREWS ALL GASES WITHIN ACCEPTABLE LEVELS PHASED EVACUATION OF 1500 PEOPLE INSTIGATED BY ONSITE STAFF BEFORE ARRIVAL OF BRIGADE”

- **ROCKINGHAM ESTATE, HARPER ROAD, LONDON, SE1**

THREE PUMP FIRE - MULTIPLE CALLS

STOP A RESIDENTIAL BLOCK OF 6 FLOORS 50M X 10M A 5 ROOMED FLAT ON 4TH AND 5TH FLOORS 25% OF FLAT ON 5TH FLOOR DAMAGED BY FIRE

- **SOUTHWARK BRIDGE ROAD, LONDON, SE1**

FIVE PUMP FIRE - HIGH RISE PROCEDURE

STOP SOUTHWARK BRIDGE ROAD RESIDENTIAL BLOCK OF FLATS OF 39 FLOORS 50 MTRS BY 25 MTRS A 4 ROOMED FLAT ON 25TH FLOOR 10 PERCENT DAMAGED BY FIRE SMOKE LOGGING FROM FLOOR 25 TO 29

- **SHOREDITCH HOUSE, CHARLES SQUARE, HACKNEY, LONDON, N1**

TEN PUMP FIRE

STOP SHOP AND DWELLINGS OF TWO AND 15 FLOORS 50M X 50M ONE AIR CONDITIONING UNIT ON FIRST FLOOR 100% DAMAGED BY FIRE 50% OF STORE ROOM ON SECOND FLOOR DAMAGED BY FIRE 100% OF EXTERNAL BALCONY ON THIRD FLOOR DAMAGED BY FIRE 100% OF EXTERNAL BALCONY ON FOURTH FLOOR DAMAGED BY FIRE

- **10 FENCHURCH AVENUE, LONDON, EC3M**

FIRE FROM PLANT ROOM IN BASEMENT LEVEL -4

STOP - OFFICE AND RETAIL UNITS 60M X 40M 15 FLOORS AND 4 SUB BASEMENTS 1 AIR CONDITIONING UNIT 0.5M X 1M IN LEVEL 4 BASEMENT AREA 5% OF AIR CON UNIT DXF POWER SUPPLY ISOLATED BASEMENT PROCEDURE IMPLEMENTED

- **FAIRFORD HOUSE, KENNINGTON LANE, LONDON, SE11**

FIRE PERSONS REPORTED

STOP - A BLOCK OF FLATS OF 21 FLOORS 15MX 20M A MASONETTE FLAT ON THIRD AND FOURTH FLOOR 25 PERCENT OF EXTERNAL BALCONY ON THIRD FLOOR DAMAGED BY FIRE ALL PERSONS ACCOUNTED

- **MILLENNIUM BRIDGE, LONDON**

PERSON FALLEN ONTO FORESHORE

ONE ADULT MALE APPROX 50 YEARS OF AGE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE BY HANGING CUT FREE BY MEMBERS OF PUBLIC FALLEN 20M FROM BRIDGE ONTO ROCKY FORESHORE SUFFERING MULTIPLE INJURIES UNCONCIOUS BREATHING REMOVED FROM FORESHAW BY BRIGADE BEING TREATED BY LAS AND HEMS

- **HADLEIGH HOUSE, HADLEIGH CLOSE, LONDON, E1**

TEN PUMP FIRE PERSONS REPORTED

STOP RESIDENTIAL BLOCK OF 5 FLOORS 50M X 12M 100% OF ROOF DXF 2 PERSONS RESCUED BY BA CREWS FROM FLAT ON 4TH FLOOR VIA 135 LADDER 2 PERSONS RESCUED FROM FLAT ON 4TH FLOOR VIA INTERNAL STAIRCASE 3 PEOPLE ASSESSED ON SCENE BY LAS OF THOSE ONE PERSON REMOVED TO HOSPITAL DUE TO EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITION. A FURTHER 100 PERSONS SELF EVACUATED BEFORE ARRIVAL OF BRIGADE

- **BISHOPSGATE, LONDON, EC2M**

FOUR PUMP FIRE

STOP OFFICE BLOCK UNDER REFURBISHMENT OF 12 FLOORS 65 X 30 M COOLING TOWER ON ROOF 3 X 5 M 50 PERCENT D X F 65 CONTRACTORS LEFT BEFORE ARRIVAL OF BRIGADE 1 JET BA DRY RISER MAIN TIC SAAC TMO

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