

Incident No 076029 - 14062017

Date 14/6/2017

Flat 16 Grenfell Tower

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FF NICHOLAS BARTON

4M

G36 HAMMERSMITH RED WATCH 16 years Served
at G36, 28 years total Service

I know the area of the flats but not
that particular block well, I have been on
other shouts to the flats opposite on previous
occassions

I was riding at on the back of the Pump,
G362

We approached from St Annes Road & positioned
the vehicle on the right hand side of
the road just before reaching Grenfell Tower

I believe the machine was moved at a later
time but I wasn't present when this happened.

When we arrived North Kensington driver was
settling into the hydrant and told us there
was a fire on the 4th floor.

CM Davies ordered myself & ff O'Hanlon to
don BA sets & make our way to the bridge
head on the 2nd floor.

We took a TIC & 45mm hose & a branch
upstairs. & was briefed by North Kens officer
to take a 45mm jet with us which was set
into the third floor & back up the
North Kensington BA crew in flat 16. FF O'Hanlon
& myself entered the flat & found the North

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Ken crew in the hallway. They were proceeding on a right hand search. So me & W O'Hanlon started searching the rooms on the left hand side of the hallway we then rejoined North Kensington in the hallway & they told us the fire was in the kitchen & was nearly all out & they had to leave as they were becoming low on air. As myself & W O'Hanlon entered the kitchen I noticed some flame above a cupboard/unit on the right hand side of the room. I extinguished these with the jet & proceeded thru the kitchen until we reached the window, which had failed. All the fire now seemed to be outside the flat with a lot of debris alight falling into the trees opposite. With the fire all out in the flat we made one more complete search of the flat checking for casualties. We didn't find any & then left the flat as we were becoming low on air. We went back to the bridge head & passed on the information to WM O'Keefe (Kensington 633) & the oncoming BA crews.

We returned to our machine & done a fireground A test & returned to the lobby. We then started helping the BA control officer with the BA barrels, giving bottles back to the oncoming crews. Numerous casualties were now being brought down the stairwell. I proceeded to help one lady & her daughter out of the lobby to the awaiting L.A.S. crews.

I was helping North Kens pump operator with some hose reel tubing when a F.I.T. approached and asked us to tell what had happened from the start.

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