



LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee

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Aims and Objectives

- **Prevention**
 - Providing education through delivery of Community Safety 'Prevention' activities.
- **Protection**
 - Providing Fire Safety advice to businesses and supporting our specialist Fire Safety teams in the delivery of their Regulatory 'Protection' activities.
- **Response**
 - Swiftly and effectively responding to emergencies when they occur through our 'Response' interventions.
- **COVID-19**
 - The LFB response in Lewisham Borough.

Prevention

- Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs)
 - Safeguarding
- ‘Hot Strikes’
- Local & national initiatives & campaigns.
- Reducing deliberate & anti-social behaviour.
- Community estate days.
- Schools Programme.
- Youth initiatives
 - Fire Cadets



Protection

- Fire Safety Advice, Guidance & Enforcement
 - Team of specialist Fire Safety Officers.
 - Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005
 - Fire station teams support – low risk buildings.



- High-Rise Visits

- Grenfell Tower – vast number of resulting remedial works.
- Resulted in temporary changes to fire related plans & procedures.
- Fire station crews repeatedly visit at set intervals to:
 - Familiarise themselves with the building & arrangements.
 - Ensure ‘Responsible Person’ is adhering to requirements & procedures.
 - Ensure held data is accurate & up-to-date.
 - Provide reassurance to residents.



Response

- 1st January 2021 – 1st January 2022
 - 3,858 incidents.
 - 482 were fire related.
 - 1,510 were ‘Special Services’.
 - 1,866 were false alarms.
- Operational readiness is the priority!
 - Theory & practical training at station.
 - Large-scale training exercises.
 - Revalidation of skills and qualifications – Training Department.
 - Maintain equipment & resources.
 - Undergo periodic quality assurance assessments.



Opening Up our Fire Stations

- Fire Station Open Days.
- Charity car washes.
- Supporting campaigns
 - McMillian Coffee Mornings.
 - Black History Month.
- Career information days.
- Hosting partnership meetings.
- Offering the use of space
 - New Cross Community Room



COVID-19



- Our crews have primarily assisted with:
 - ‘Operation Braidwood’.
 - Pandemic Multi-Agency Response Teams (PMART).
 - Forest Hill Foodbank – helped with unpacking food deliveries.
 - Voluntary Services Lewisham – delivered food parcels to the vulnerable.
 - Social Media – supporting the Local Authority with key messaging.



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Thank you & any questions...?