

London Fire Brigade (LFB) Exercise Briefing for CLT

Where	Exercise Location is at University of West London's Paragon House, Boston Manor Rd, Brentford TW8 9GA
When	Thursday 21st October 2021 11:30-16:00 Exercise commencing 13:00 with 3 hour duration.
Why	Purpose of the exercise is for LFB to test high rise building firefighting and evacuation following learning from previous incidents e.g., Grenfell.
Detail of the exercise	<p>This is a "live" exercise involving 12+ LFB appliances from across Hounslow and London, and additional appliances from Berkshire.</p> <p>Exercise will also involve Met Police and LBH Contingency Planning/Emergency Duty Officers and Emergency Response Volunteers.</p> <p>This exercise has been conducted in 3 other London Boroughs already including nearby LB Ealing on 15th September 2021.</p>
Reason for the exercise	<p>This exercise tests the New 2021 risk on the LBH Multiagency Risk Register: R54 "Major Fire" (there were previously other fire risks but a gap on large fires in a building in an urban area). This has a "High" risk rating.</p> <p>Under Civil Contingencies Act (2004), Category 1 organisations such as LBH and LFB have a statutory duty to "test the effectiveness of their emergency plans by carrying out exercises".</p> <p>Resilience Forum colleagues will also be attending, and this is an excellent opportunity to building multi-agency relationships and cooperation whilst exercising to reduce risk in the borough.</p>
Engagement undertaken	<p>Borough commander will be on site (but separate from the exercise) to brief concerned residents or any media enquiries who may approach.</p> <p>Borough Commander has already visited nearby area to offer group Conversations about the exercise but to date has had no response.</p> <p>LFB have social media and press release scheduled, and adaptable for on the day. LFB Comms have agreed to share all comms with LBH Comms (who have been notified already) so we can inform relevant stakeholders and nearby residents; particularly to warn and inform public who may see smoke used during exercise e.g. from the M4 Motorway, but may not see appliances already on site.</p> <p>LFB have permissions from landowners and have invited necessary participants.</p> <p>LBH CPU have worked with LBH traffic team, Hounslow Highways and TfL to ensure disruption to surrounding road networks is mitigated and minimised.</p> <p>Exercise will be circulated to Resilience Forum for participation, and LBH have spoken to West Thames College to offer students an opportunity to participate/role play as evacuees during a simulated high-rise fire and evacuation.</p>