**EAST GATE ARCH FIRE INCIDENT REPORT**

**TOTNES**

**4TH SEPTEMBER 1990**

**CURRENT INCIDENT No. 10842**

**CALLERS ID: 860000 TOTNES**

**INCIDENT TYPE: FIRE**

**RISK: BUILDING BY THE ARCHWAY**

**ADDRESS: SOUTH STREET**

**PLACE: TOTNES**

**MAP REF: 0/802604/E – STN AREA: SOUTH31: - RISK: C**

**PUMPS MOBILISED: 000**

**STD ATTENDANCE: 2 WRL**

**SEND: S311, S312**

**NEW INC 01:06:29 04/09**

**PDA RETR 01:07:13 04/09**

**SENT: 01:07:22 04/09**

**01:07 04/09 TERMINAL 05**

**01:08 - AMBULANCE INFORMED**

**01:09 - SIERRA 7 - ADO (ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER) HAWKINS INFORMED/PROCEEDING**

**01:09 - POLICE INFORMED**

**S311: MOBILE – NOT AVAILABLE – STN OFF HOWRIHANE – CREW OF 6**

**S312: MOBILE – NOT AVAILABLE – SUB OFF HIGGIN - CREW OF 6**

**01:13 - S311: IN ATTENDANCE – NOT AVAILABLE**

**01:13 - S312: IN ATTENDANCE - NOT AVAILABLE**

**01:13 - SIERRA 7: MOBILE TO INCIDENT**

**01:13 - S181; (PAIGNTON) MOBILISED DUE TO NATURE OF CALL**

**PUMPS MOBILISED 003**

**01:14 - ADO HAWKINS INFORMED OF 3RD PUMP ATTENDANCE**

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**01:16 - FROM IC HOWRIHANE – MAKE PUMPS 8, TL REQUIRED, A 3 STOREY OLD TOWN ARCH**

**AND ACCOMODATION WELL ALIGHT**

**2 BREATHING APPARATUS / GETTING JETS TO WORK**

**SIERRA 7 - ACKNOWLEDGED MESSAGE**

**SEND:**

**S182 PAIGNTON**

**S171, 172, 173 TORQUAY**

**S221 BUCKFASTLEIGH**

**S174 TORQUAY – (TURNTABLE LADDER)**

**PUMPS MOBILISED 008**

**01:18 - AMBULANCE INFORMED**

**01:19 - FROM STN 31 – 2 FIREFIGHTERS ON STATION AVAILABLE FOR GUIDES IF**

**REQUIRED**

**01:19 - SIERRA 2 INFORMED OF MAKE PUMPS 8**

**01:19 - DUTY OFFICER INFORMED/PROCEEDING TO BRIGADE CONTROL**

**01:19 - HOTEL 2 - DCO (DEPUTY CHIEF OFFICER) WHITEHOUSE INFORMED/PROCEEDING**

**01:20 - FROM IC HOWRIHANE – MAKE PUMPS 10, TLs 2, EXPLOSION ON 3RD FLOOR,**

**BREATHING APPARATUS TEAM WITHDRAWN**

**SEND:**

**S191 ASHBURTON**

**S241 DARTMOUTH**

**E324 EXETER – (TURNTABLE LADDER)**

**PUMPS MOBILISED 010**

**01:21 - AMBULANCE INFORMED OF MAKE UP AND EXPLOSION**

**01:21 - HOTEL 1 - CFO (CHIEF FIRE OFFICER) WALLINGTON INFORMED/PROCEEDING**

**01:25 - S177 TORQUAY (EMERGENCY TENDER) MOBILISED AS INCIDENT CONTROL UNIT**

**01:26 - ADO DEEMING INFORMED/PROCEEDING**

**01:30 - ADO STYLES INFORMED**

**01:31 - ADO YOUNGS CONTACTED AS STAFF OFFICER FOR CFO AND DCO**

**01:32 - DUTY OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE AT BRIGADE CONTROL**

**01:32 - ACO (ASSISTANT CHIEF OFFICER) LANE INFORMED**

**01:34 - BRIGADE ENGINEER, MR TAYLOR INFORMED/PROCEEDING**

**01:35 - S177 TORQUAY (EMERGENCY TENDER) IN ATTENDANCE**

**01:37 - STN/O (STATION OFFICER) McGEEHAN INFORMED/PROCEEDING**

**01:38 - HOTEL 1 (CFO) IN ATTENDANCE AT BRIGADE CONTROL AND NOW LEFT FOR INCIDENT**

**WITH DUTY OFFICER DO (DIVISIONAL OFFICER) HARGREAVES**

**01:38 - ADO YOUNGS TO PROCEED TO BRIGADE CONTROL**

**01:43 - S177 – MAKE EMERGENCY TENDERS 2**

**01:45 - E327 EXETER (EMERGENCY TENDER) MOBILE**

**01:47 - EXETER RETAINED ALERTED TO STAND BY ON OWN STATION**

**01:49 - POLICE CANTEEN VAN IS AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED**

**01:49 - HOTEL 18 IN ATTENDANCE AT BRIGADE CONTROL**

**01:51 - POLICE CANTEEN VAN REQUESTED TO BE MOBILISED TO INCIDENT**

**01:53 - HOTEL 6 PROCEEDING TO INCIDENT WITH HOTEL 1**

**01:53 - GFCO (GROUP FIRE CONTROL OFFICER) INFORMED/PROCEEDING TO CONTROL**

**01:53 - DO JONES (SOUTH DIVISION FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER) INFORMED/PROCEEDING**

**01:57 - E324 (EXETER TURNTABLE LADDER) ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL AT INCIDENT**

**ANSWER: - 10 MINUTES**

**02:00 - DO (DIVISIONAL OFFICER) VINECOMBE INFORMED/PROCEEDING**

**02:02 - SWWA (SOUTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY) INFORMED OF INCIDENT**

**02:02 - SWWA ATTENDING INCIDENT**

**02:03 - AMBULANCE CONTROL – 5 AMBULANCES AND 2 OFFICERS ATTENDING**

**02:04 - SIERRA 1 (DIVISIONAL COMMANDER SOUTH) ATTENDING**

**02:05 - E324 EXETER (TURNTABLE LADDER) IN ATTENDANCE**

**02:05 - SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL CONTACTED – ANSWERPHONE**

**02:06 - SWWA TO INCREASE WATER PRESSURE IN TOWN CENTRE**

**02:07 - SOUTH HAMS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE CONTACTED**

**02:08 - SWWA INFORMED AND WILL INCREASE PRESSURE**

**02:09 - SOUTH HAMS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE MR JOHNSON ATTENDING**

**02:10 - HOTEL 1, HOTEL 6, SIERRA 3 IN ATTENDANCE**

**02:13 - HOTEL 12 IN ATTENDANCE AT BRIGADE CONTROL**

**02:14 - PERSONS REMOVED TO THE SEVEN STARS HOTEL AND GUILDHALL**

**02:14 - HOTEL 19 IN ATTENDANCE**

**02:14 - 2 MEN FROM SWWA IN ATTENDANCE**

**02:21 - SIERRA 1 (DIVISIONAL COMMANDER SOUTH) IN ATTENDANCE**

**02:21 - HOTEL 1 (CHIEF FIRE OFFICER WALLINGTON) NOW IN COMMAND OF INCIDENT**

**02:22 - E327 EXETER (EMERGENCY TENDER) IN ATTENDANCE**

**02:22 - DO (DIVISIONAL OFFICER) STANLEY INFORMED**

**02:24 - BRIGADE ENGINEER IN ATTENDANCE**

**02:26 - POLICE CANTEEN VAN MOBILISED – ETA APPROX 2 HOURS**

**02:29 - DO WILSON INFORMED OF EAST DIVISION INVOLVEMENT**

**02:31 - SWWA ENGINEER IN ATTENDANCE**

**02:36 - FROM HOTEL 1 (CHIEF FIRE OFFICER) MAKE PUMPS 15, ALL ONCOMING APPLIANCES**

**TO RENDEVOUS WITH S177 (CONTROL UNIT) ON THE PLAINS**

**SEND:**

**S281 NEWTON ABBOT**

**S211 BRIXHAM**

**E323 EXETER**

**S242 DARTMOUTH**

**S301 TEIGNMOUTH**

**PUMPS MOBILISED 015**

**02:38 - HOTEL 4 AND HOTEL 7 INFORMED OF MAKE PUMPS 15**

**02:39 - HOTEL 7 PROCEEDING TO INCIDENT**

**02:39 - FROM MR TAYLOR - MECHANIC REQUIRED**

**02:40 - DUTY MECHANIC INFORMED/PROCEEDING**

**02:42 - ADO (ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER) PRINCE INFORMED**

**02:44 - FROM HOTEL 1 INFORMATIVE – A RANGE OF 2, 3 AND 4 STOREY BUILDINGS, APPROX**

**200M X 100M. ALL FLOORS WELL ALIGHT. 6 JETS, 1 TURNTABLE LADDER MONITOR JET**

**IN USE**

**02:48 - WHISKEY 1 (DIVISIONAL COMMANDER WEST) INFORMED – OFFICERS FROM WEST**

**DIVISION AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED**

**02:48 - FROM CONTROL UNIT – LIQUID REFRESHMENTS REQUIRED FOR 100 MEN**

**02:49 - STATION S17 (TORQUAY) INFORMED OF REFRESHMENTS – S179 (TRANSIT PICK-UP)**

**WILL BE USED TO TRANSORT IT**

**02:55 - DO DURBIN (DIVISIONAL COMMANDER WEST) INFORMED OF W47 (PLYMPTON)**

**INVOLVEMENT.**

*PLYMPTON PUMP (471) SENT FOR STAND BY AT PAIGNTON FIRE STATION*

**02:57 - FROM CONTROL UNIT – 100 GALLS OF DERV REQUIRED AT FIREGROUND**

**02:58 - STATION 17 INFORMED**

**03:00 - FROM HOTEL 1 INFORMATIVE – STEADY PROGRESS BEING MADE AT ALL FLOOR**

**LEVELS, PARTIAL COLLAPSE OF STRUCTURE IMPEDING FIRE FIGHTING EFFORTS.**

**03:04 - FROM CONTROL UNIT – 50 GALLS OF PETROL AT CONTROL POINT**

**03:13 - HOTEL 7 IN ATTENDANCE**

**03:21 - MECHANIC MOBILE TO INCIDENT**

**03:24 - S179 (TRANSIT PICK-UP) MOBILE TO INCIDENT**

**03:31 - HOTEL 4 IN ATTENDANCE**

**03:38 - FROM HOTEL 1 – FIRE SURROUNDED**

**03:54 - DUTY MECHANIC IN ATTENDANCE**

**04:12 - FROM HOTEL 1 STOP – FOR FORE STREET TOTNES, A RANGE OF 2, 3 AND 4 STOREY**

**BUILDINGS, INCLUDING CLOCK TOWER, APPROX 100M X 100M. 50% OF ALL FLOORS**

**AND ROOF DAMAGED BY FIRE, REMAINDER DAMAGED BY SMOKE. 10 JETS,**

**1 TURNTABLE LADDER MONITOR IN USE. WATER FROM HYDRANTS AND OPEN WATER**

**FROM THE RIVER DART. 6 BREATHING APPARATUS IN USE**

**04:27 - FROM CONTROL UNIT INFORMATIVE – THE RELIEF OF 4 PUMPS IN THE NEXT TWO**

**HOURS. S174 AND E324 (TURNTABLE LADDERS) WILL BOTH BE REMAINING AT**

**INCIDENT FOR SOME CONSIDERABLE TIME.**

**04:31 - DO DURBIN (DIVISIONAL COMMANDER WEST) INFORMED OF W484 LOCATION**

*CAMELS HEAD (PLYMOUTH) TURNTABLE LADDER (W484) SENT FOR STAND BY*

*AT EXETER FIRE STATION*

**04:34 - FROM CONTROL UNIT – ONE FIREFIGHTER WITH EYE INJURY TREATED AT SCENE BY**

**AMBULANCE PERSONNEL.**

**04:34 - ETA (ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL) OF CANTEEN VAN**

**ANSWER – ANY TIME NOW**

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**OVER THE NEXT 2 HOURS, PUMPS AND OFFICERS WERE MOVED ALL OVER SOUTH, WEST AND EAST DEVON, RETURNING HOME AND TO PROVIDE FIRE COVER FOR THE COMMITTED STATIONS. PUMPS AND OFFICERS WERE SLOWLY RELEASED FROM THE INCIDENT TO COLLECT THEIR GEAR AND HAVE A MEAL. THE POLICE CANTEEN VAN SET UP AT TOTNES POLICE STATION AND PROVIDED HOT FOOD.**

**06:51 - FROM CONTROL UNIT – RELIEF CREWS REQUIRED FOR 09:00 HRS FOR 1 TL CREW FOR**

**S174, 1 TL CREW FOR E324, 1 ET CREW FOR S177 AND 7 PUMP CREWS.**