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REQUEST

With reference to the recommendations of the Grenfell Phase 1 Inquiry, specifically Chapter 33 Section 12 Evacuation (33.22) parts B and G, please can you advise what T&WFRS have implemented with regards to:

33.22 B - policies and training for the partial or full evacuation of a high-rise residential building.

33.22 G - That all FRS are equipped with smoke hoods (also what other frontline equipment has been introduced).

RESPONSE

33.22 B - policies and training for the partial or full evacuation of a high-rise residential building.

The following tasks were identified to satisfy this action:

- An Evacuation group was established to meet & progress this action point.
- Outputs developed Policy, Procedure, Training and validation programmes to ensure competency across the operational workforce.
- Point from the observations in the Cube report that a Fire Safety Officer be mobilised to assist with any coordination of a partial/full evacuation and availability of a signatory to serve a prohibition notice if necessary.
- Purchasing and embedding fire / smoke screens for use by Ops Crews on breached doors openings to provide protection to an escape route for persons escaping is being considered.
- Interactive and live recording systems of casualty locations and requests for assistance between fire control and incident ground.
- Training that illustrates various evacuation strategies including EACIE systems.
- Operational personnel were delivered training with all feedback and learning captured, these including communications with the control room and declaration of IBE
- Evacuation group worked with blue light partners to ensure a more joined up approach.

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RESPONSE CONT.

- Communicate maintaining access for appliances including ALPS for tall buildings to partners.
- Understanding of dealing with the flow of information when receiving large number of calls from a high rise incident training delivered to control room staff.
- Practical exercises to test the process

33.22 G - That all FRS are equipped with smoke hoods (also what other frontline equipment has been introduced).

- TWFRS introduced Operational Parat smoke hoods on 6 January 2020.
- Other frontline equipment includes:
 - Smoke curtains
 - Rubber mallets
 - Spray paint
 - Mega movers (casualty handling stretchers)
 - Thermal scanners on all frontline appliances

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