

Report for SCPB

The Borough of Barnet has had a busy year, and the London Fire Brigade has been at the forefront of the change, both socially and with incidents attended we have had a change to help as much as possible the people of Barnet.

The 4 Stations attended over 3,000 incidents over the year, ranging from a small bin fire to large fires that had both huge social and economic impact on the local community.

Last year we reported that the Brigade had introduced new equipment, this year we have had limited new equipment, although we are due to introduce a new Breathing Apparatus set that will be an improvement for our Firefighters across London.

Public polling

Our latest opinion polling results reveal more members of the public feel positively about LFB than at any time since we began regular surveys in 2019.

The Brigade is full of people who care passionately about providing a first-class service and about protecting the public, and recent high-profile criticism of our services and culture has been difficult to hear.

The challenging, but necessary, conversations taking place following last year's Culture Review, have resulted in a lot of hard work from individuals and teams at all levels and ranks across the Brigade. This work has begun to address the issues it raised - both within LFB and about how we interact with the communities we serve.

The work needed to create and maintain the kind of culture that welcomes everyone at LFB and to build and keep the trust of London's communities will always be on-going.

Brigade roll out of Marauding Terrorist Attacks (MTA)



The Brigade London wide have rolled out new equipment to allow us to better respond to a marauding terrorist incident. Barnet Borough are being trained so that should we be called upon we can assist London Ambulance service and the Metropolitan Police Service during an operational incident.

2 sets of Ballistic PPE are provide per appliance, allowing our crews to support blue light colleagues during events.

Joint training with Hatzola



In October last year the LFB and Hatzola undertook a joint training exercise where we built upon our strengths and demonstrated how we can support each other at operational incidents.



We undertook a joint exercise the simulated a car accident with members of the casualty union taking part to add extra realism.

The event was a fantastic event to practice what is a stressful and intense situation but in a calm and thorough manner. Good contacts were made and planning is ongoing for our next training event.

Joint training with Borough Resilience colleagues.



2 training exercises have been carried out at Finchley fire station with members of the local Resilience Forum. These have included the Mayor of Barnet, local councillors, the London Ambulance Service, Met Police, NHS partners, local council resilience officers. Both events were a good chance to test our response and allow us to build strong relationships.

We are always seeking new people to attend if anyone would be interested.

Fire Cadets



The borough have had a successful Cadet course programme during the last year. We have supported the youth of the Borough to take part in structured learning each week and taking part in drills. At the end of each course there is a pass out where the Cadets take part in drills in front of friends and family.