

House fire in East Craigs



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Neighbours had to be evacuated by the fire and rescue service in the early hours of this morning after a house fire on North Bughtlin Gate in the East Craigs area of the city. The Lothian And Borders Fire and Rescue Service have now issued an update stating that the fire is being treated as suspicious.

Five fire engines and a turntable ladder appliance attended the blaze after the call came in just after 1am. Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service report that this was an intense fire on the top floor of the mid terraced town house property which rapidly spread into the roof space. Crews used lines of hose, ladders and the turntable ladder appliance to extinguish the fire, and firefighters wearing breathing apparatus carried out a search of the property.

Evacuated residents were cared for by the Red Cross vehicle.

There were no casualties as a result of this incident.

The police attended and a fire investigation is currently on-going into the cause of the fire. The fire was under control and the appliances left by 5.30am today.

Police in Edinburgh are now appealing for witnesses after the fire.

Officers were called to a house that was alight at North Bughtlin Gate in the East Craigs area at around 1.30am.

Cordons were put in place while Lothian and Borders Fire and

Rescue contained the fire.

Enquiries are now ongoing to establish the full circumstances.

In the meantime, officers are keen to speak to anyone who may have seen anyone acting suspiciously in the area prior to the blaze.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Lothian and Borders Police immediately on 0131 311 3131 or Crimestoppers in complete confidence on 0800 555 111.

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