Fatality in Dundee Terrace fire on Wednesday evening

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A woman has died after a serious flat fire in Edinburgh on Wednesday evening. This was the second fatality in twelve hours, following the <u>fire at a flat in Powderhall</u> where a man died earlier yesterday morning.

Firefighters from Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service were called to the blaze in Dundee Terrace, Fountainbridge, at 10.15pm. On arrival they discovered a fierce fire with smoke billowing from the building. Around forty-five firefighters were involved in firefighting operations with six pumping appliances, a turntable ladder, an Incident Support Unit, a Heavy Rescue Tender, a Command Support Unit and a Fire Investigation Unit mobilised to the scene.

Sadly the woman was found dead within the affected flat which was part of a four-storey block. The BBC reported that the property was completely destroyed by the 'fierce' blaze.

At the height of the fire eight firefighters in breathing apparatus were deployed to fight it. Crews were also tasked with evacuating residents from neighbouring flats on the affected floors.

Fire investigation into the cause of the blaze is underway.

This is the third fire in Edinburgh in two days. The first this week was reported on Tuesday morning when more than twenty firefighters were called to a flat alight at Cables Wynd House.

The alarm was raised just before 10.15am after several calls from the public reported a fire on the second floor of the

high flats in the Leith area of the city.

Appliances from Sighthill, Crewe Toll, McDonald Road and Liberton went to the scene and firefighters discovered a flat well alight. Four firefighters in breathing apparatus (BA) fought the fire. Further BA crews searched the surrounding flats, and discovered that fllats on the second and third floors were heavily smoke logged. One man, believed to be in his 40s, was treated at the scene by ambulance crews for smoke inhalation but did not require to go to hospital.