

Man dies in house fire today



A man has died after a fire in Edinburgh this morning.

Around 40 firefighters tackled the blaze at Powderhall Rigg in Edinburgh today. Fire Control received a call at 9.50am to a report of a fire in the flat of a six-storey block.

On arrival, firefighters discovered a two-storey flat (which is on the third and fourth floor) well alight and smoke billowing from the building. Four firefighters in breathing apparatus using one line of hose were despatched to fight the fire. Crews were also tasked with evacuating residents from neighbouring flats on the affected floors.

One male casualty was located by firefighters, but was pronounced dead at the scene. The affected flat where the fatality was discovered, was badly damaged by fire.

Five appliances, a height platform, Heavy Rescue Tender and Incident Support Unit were sent to the scene.

A fire investigation team was also mobilised and they will begin enquiries into the cause of the fire.