

Witness appeal following suspicious fire in Dumbiedykes



Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses following a suspicious fire at a block of flats in Dumbiedykes Road which broke out around 4am this morning.

Officers responded along with colleagues from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service after a stairwell was reported alight.

A number of residents were evacuated from the block and some were treated for minor smoke inhalation at the scene. However, no one was injured.

It is believed the fire was started deliberately and anyone who can assist police with their investigation is asked to come forward.

Chief Inspector Richard Horan said: "We are investigating the cause of the fire and are keen to hear from anyone who was in or around Dumbiedykes Road in the early hours of Wednesday morning."

"Police officers will remain in the area while we continue with our enquiries and members of the public who have information that may assist this investigation can speak to these officers, call our non-emergency 101 number, or make an anonymous report via the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."