

Fire closes Thistle Street this afternoon



Part of Thistle Street between Hanover Street and Frederick Street was closed for most of this afternoon following discovery of a fire in a restaurant there.

Earlier today firefighters were called to the restaurant El Cartel in Thistle Street which had just opened again recently after renovation where a fire was reported.

Group Commander of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Tom McGrath told The Edinburgh Reporter: "The kitchen is on the ground floor of the property and crews carried out a really quick job of bringing the fire under control under extreme conditions. It was very hot and smoky. They managed by their quick actions to prevent the fire from spreading to other adjacent properties."





The fire was already extinguished when The Edinburgh Reporter

arrived on the scene. Fire Investigation had arrived and they were just about to have a look for the likely cause of the fire. There is nothing to suggest at this time that this is a suspicious fire so the fire investigation officers are examining the interior for the cause of an accidental fire. Fire crews had already brought some debris out on to the street.

There were no casualties involved in the fire and all persons in the building have been accounted for.

Group Commander Tom McGrath confirmed that they are now in conversation with the occupier of the shop as well as the owner of the building.

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