

Large fire at cottage in Gifford



The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service received a call to a fire in a semi-detached cottage in Gifford just after 8pm last night. At the time of the call it was thought that the occupant was still inside the property.

Operations Control Edinburgh immediately despatched appliances from Haddington, East Linton and Tranent community fire stations to the house where, on arrival, they were met with a fully developed fire. Additional appliances were then requested by the Incident Commander which attended from Newcraighall and Musselburgh. A large number of firefighters wearing breathing apparatus entered the cottage to carry out search and rescue procedures. Fortunately it was confirmed shortly thereafter that the occupant had left the property earlier and was safe.

Firefighters continued to fight the fire using three main firefighting jets and a number of breathing apparatus teams. Through their efforts they managed to extinguish the fire and prevent further fire spread to the adjoining property.

At its height there was over 30 firefighting staff, including officers in attendance. The cause of the fires is currently being investigated by the Fire Investigation team.