



Partner Newsletter from LFB Newham Borough Commander James Ryan
Summer 2025



Dear Partners,

It has been another busy three months for London Fire Brigade with Newham as we continue with our community engagement plans and prepare for the Summer. Once again, I thank partners for all their contributions to our work, it is much appreciated and hopefully will lead to some great opportunities for us in the coming months, which I talk about later in this edition.

Operationally we have also been very busy lately, most significantly with a large-scale fire on High Street North recently, which I will touch on below.

As ever, should any of our partners and colleagues have any queries about fire safety related matters or if you are considering any practical exercises or training that you feel we could contribute towards, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Within this message I have provided information on:

- An update on the London Fire Brigade Borough Risk Management Plan (BRMP)
- Newham Incidents of note
- Partnership working



BRMP, Station Delivery Plans and Ward Delivery Plans

As reported previously, I am continuing to work on the Newham borough risk management plan, which will detail our assessment of risk and how this relates to incident data within the borough, along with details on our plans to try and mitigate and address those risks. The plan is currently in final draft format and is just awaiting a check to ensure that the accompanying EIA that will be published with it is fully aligned. I hope to be able to publish this plan on the 1st July, and will talk through it at partner meetings through the Summer. It is worth noting though that some of the activities that we are proposing in that plan have already begun.

We continue to produce station delivery plans which detail more specifically our goals and objectives each season and have just released the Summer edition to stations, which has a strong focus on extreme weather preparedness including wildfire risks and water safety. We will be preparing community engagement events at key locations related to these risks and through school and community group engagement over the next three months. I will also be presenting to partners at the next borough resilience forum to show the advice we are giving and the work we are doing to engage with people regarding these risks.

Each watch at each fire station has dedicated wards and will be engaging with partners within those wards around these risks.





Newham Incidents of Note

In April we responded to an incident at Beardsfield in Plaistow. Four fire engines tackled a fire in a ground floor flat within the building, where 75% of the flat and 20% of a communal corridor was damaged by fire. Thankfully no one was hurt, and the cause of the fire has been attributed as accidental, potentially due to combustible materials being brought too close to a heat source.

In May we responded to a fire in a shop with two floors of dwellings above it on High Street North. Due to difficult access and a complicated layout within the premises, including an electrical substation in close proximity, our attendance escalated and at it's peak 20 fire engines, aerial appliances and over 125 firefighters were at the scene.

The first floor was destroyed and most of the ground floor was damaged by fire. Eleven people were evacuated by firefighters in collaboration with the police, and thankfully there were no reports of any injuries. A number of homes in the immediate vicinity also lost power due to the proximity to and involvement of the electrical substation.

The cause of the fire is currently still under investigation. Crews from local stations have been carrying out post-incident engagement and business fire safety checks in surrounding premises, and a day of action will be scheduled once details regarding the exact cause and origin of the fire are established.





Partnership Working

Eid-ul-Adha

We were once again very proud to welcome members of the community into Plastow Fire Station to celebrate Eid-ul-Adha recently. More than 200 people attended and our crews were able to offer fire safety advice and tour of the fire station and fire appliances.

We are very proud to be the first fire station in London that holds this event, and we are looking to expand next year to offer this at all the fire stations within Newham.





Newham Safety Centre

We will be holding a community and business engagement event at a unit in Westfield Stratford from the 11th to the 17th August. This event will accommodate fire safety inspections, LFB cadet and Outreach teams as well as our #ChargeSafe engagement team, alongside lots of inputs and demonstrations from our partners and colleagues and from community groups.

If you would like to be involved then please contact Plaistow Station Commander Wayne Sharp at wayne.sharp@london-fire.gov.uk for more information.



Key safety advice:

There is a free [Home Fire Safety Checker on the LFB website](#). Please ask can I ask that you share this amongst our communities.





Check your home's safe using our simple tool

It only takes a few minutes to check your home and get tailored advice for your family.

[Get started >](#)

Our [#ChargeSafe campaign](#) continues to promote the safer storage and use of e-bikes and e-scooters. Please ask can I ask you to let our communities know about this.

#ChargeSafe

E-BIKE AND E-SCOOTER SAFETY TIPS

- Never leave your device charging unattended or when you're asleep.
- Do not attempt to modify or tamper with your battery. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Converting pedal bikes into e-bikes using DIY kits bought online can be very dangerous and poses a higher risk of fire.
- Never block your escape routes with your e-bike or e-scooter.
- Ensure you have a working smoke alarm.

Scan this QR code for more information, or visit: london-fire.gov.uk/charge-safe

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