

COMMAND EXERCISE DEBRIEF

The Willows — Rear Bedroom Fire

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OUTCOME Review	DURATION T+10 min	DECISIONS 2/2 supported	METHANE Not submitted
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EXERCISE SUMMARY

FIRE CONTROL MOBILISING MESSAGE

Fire Control mobilising. Building fire — well alight, making up. Location: Brackla, Bridgend. Caller reports: well alight, flames showing. 2 pumps mobilised. Further information: all occupants believed out. You are responding — take command on arrival.

INSTRUCTOR'S BRIEF

Persons reported: none

Ended by the assessor with the fire NOT under control.

2 of 2 simulator-judged decisions were supported by the recorded conditions.

DEBRIEF

The incident got away — but there's plenty to take forward.

WHAT WENT WELL

- Good call — monitor at T+0 ("Carry out a 360 of the building").
- Good call — monitor at T+5 ("Establish an inner cordon at the front").
- Every judged decision (2) matched the conditions.

WHAT TO IMPROVE

- **Ended by the assessor with the fire NOT under control.**
- **Property partially saved (damage 11).**

KEY DECISION POINTS

- T+00 | GOOD | monitor: "Carry out a 360 of the building"
- T+05 | GOOD | monitor: "Establish an inner cordon at the front"

LEARNING POINTS

- Incident states: Venting fire (T+0).
- Send an early METHANE / informative message to set the incident picture.
- Gather information early — speak to the witness, check the ORI, ask Fire Control and the BA crews — and act on what you learn.

DOCTRINE DEBRIEF (NOT AN ASSESSMENT)

Incident Commander | Command level 1

SFJ Awards Level 3 Award in Initial Incident Command in Fire and Rescue Services | Ofqual 610/0183/1 | Unit 1 (6033) | 65h TQT

Doctrine score 82/100 - COMPETENT

Competent operational command meeting UK FRS standards, with sound dynamic risk assessment and structured execution across core incident phases.

BEHAVIOURAL MARKERS

Situational Awareness: 70/100 - COMPETENT

- No explicit Level 3 anticipation recorded. Look ahead: verbalise predicted fire spread and future resource needs before escalation occurs.
- Limited Level 2 understanding evident. Translate observations into operational meaning (e.g. what dark pulsing smoke signifies for entry safety).
- Level 1 Perception active (1 situational observations recorded).
- All identified critical hazards had corresponding mitigating actions recorded.

Decision Making: 90/100 - EXEMPLARY

- Orders judged on their effect: 2 given — 2 sound, 0 wrong for the conditions, 0 not scored.
- Decision controls and cues are not captured from typed orders and are not scored.

Interpersonal Communication: 90/100 - EXEMPLARY

- Rapid, prompt acknowledgement to Mrs Jones.
- Response provided, but did not explicitly repeat back critical operational specifics.
- Rapid, prompt acknowledgement to Mrs Stephens.
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- Rapid, prompt acknowledgement to Command Support.
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Teamwork & Coordination: 75/100 - COMPETENT

- Sector commanders coordinated appropriately.

Leadership & Command Presence: 75/100 - COMPETENT

- Maintained clear command presence and tactical leadership.

Personal Resilience: 90/100 - EXEMPLARY

- Active monitoring intervals maintained without decision stagnation.
- Maintained safe span of control (0 sectors).

DECISION CONTROL PROCESS

2 decisions | 2 recognition-primed, 0 analytical | 0 decision controls completed | 0 stale

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

REACTIVE | 1 observations: level 1 perception 1, level 2 understanding 0, level 3 anticipation 0

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CORDON CONTROLS

60/100 | Not compliant | gateway not effective | 0 personnel unaccounted

- Inner cordon established (red/white barrier tape) securing operational hazard area.
- Safety warning: No scene access control point (SACP) established to log personnel entering the inner cordon.

IIMARCH BRIEFING

29/100 | Not passed

- + Information 100/100: Information articulated with 4 key operational term(s).
- Intent 0/100: Missing Intent.
- Method 0/100: Missing Method.
- Administration 0/100: Missing Administration.
- Risk Assessment 0/100: Missing Risk Assessment.
- Communications 0/100: Missing Communications.
- + Humanitarian Issues 75/100: Humanitarian Issues articulated with 1 key operational term(s).
- Briefing lacks structure — ensure key sections (Information, Intent, Method, Risk) are clearly covered.

- Briefing omitted critical element: Intent.
- Briefing omitted critical element: Method.
- Briefing omitted critical element: Administration.
- Briefing omitted critical element: Risk Assessment.
- Briefing omitted critical element: Communications.

SAFETY MAXIM

Fully compliant.

STRENGTHS

- Handled all dynamic roleplay injects and operational messages effectively.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Safety warning: No scene access control point (SACP) established to log personnel entering the inner cordon.
- Operational briefing was unstructured — adopt the standard IIMARCH framework (Information, Intent, Method, Risk).

DECISION EVIDENCE

T+00 | SUPPORTED | monitor

"Carry out a 360 of the building"

severity 80->85, smoke 65->73 Interpreter confidence: 30%.

T+05 | SUPPORTED | monitor

"Establish an inner cordon at the front"

severity 85->89, smoke 73->79 Interpreter confidence: 30%.

RADIO TRAFFIC RECEIVED

T+00 | INFO

Mrs Jones: I live here, I had to get out quickly but my dog is still inside. There is no one else in the house, I think I left my hair straighteners on in the bedroom.

T+05 | INFO

Mrs Stephens: What's going on here then?

T+05 | RESOURCE

Pump 2 in attendance — another crew and a further jet available.

T+05 | RESOURCE

PPV fan on scene with the second pump — positive pressure ventilation now available.

T+05 | PERSONS-REPORTED

Fire Control: a further call about this address — the occupier has rung back: everyone is out and accounted for.

T+05 | HAZARD

Command Support: the main-scheme radio channel has failed — no contact with Fire Control. Messages to and from Control will be delayed.

FINAL FRAME - T+10 MIN

Inner cordon in place — the fire continues to develop untouched.

ASSESSMENT STATUS

Simulator judgements in this pack are transparent training heuristics for instructor-led development. They are not a formal competence decision.

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INSTRUCTOR / ASSESSOR

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PARTICIPANT / CREW

ROLE

INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE