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MEMORANDUM

To: Toby Wilson
From: Assistant Area Commander Barber
Ref: DSPA
Date: 07/12/09
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Subject: DSPA

Dear Toby,

At 1128hrs on the 02/12/09 I received a call to a flat fire at Edensor court flats London Road Chesterton. I arrived on scene at the same time as the pump rescue ladder from Newcastle. On arrival we faced a first floor flat fire with smoke issuing from the boarded up windows, local residents had informed us that there was no one living in the room. I decided to make use of the DSPA 5 issued to me earlier in the year. I assembled the device and instructed the breathing apparatus crew on deployment. The crew deployed the device into a compartment fire which they reported to have a very low neutral plain and a very high temperature. The device was deployed into the compartment and rapidly affected the conditions inside, enabling the crew to make an entry in order to search. The crews commented on how effective the device was. (Statements to follow later).

I was impressed with the speed of improvement in conditions within the compartment and would be interested to witness further use of this device. If you require any further information please contact me direct.

Regards
Rob Barber 4937