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Request:

Please could you provide any reviews or lessons learned debriefs at both strategic and operational levels that London Fire Brigade has carried out following the incidents on the 19 July 2022, specifically related to the fires at Wennington and Beam Parklands Country Park in Dagenham, as well as several other vegetation and wildfires that day.

Could you also provide any reviews or lessons learned debriefs that the London Fire Brigade has carried out into vegetation and wildfires for the Summer of 2022 as a whole.

Response:

LFB Incident Command are organising operational debriefs for the incidents that occurred on 19 July 2022. These debriefs for the incidents referenced are still in progress, however, the events and incidents of 19 July are also subject to a Major Incident Investigation. This type of investigation takes place where significant incidents and events occur that require actions over and above the existing investigation processes, or where these processes require an enhanced level of coordination.

The grass fires and record temperatures we have seen in London during the Summer of 2022 are an example of how we are increasingly being challenged by new extremes of weather as our climate changes. LFB must adapt to this change and are constantly looking at developing our equipment and procedures to meet all the new challenges that we face. We will learn lessons from these incidents, evaluate our response and put in place any additional training that will help to keep Londoners and our firefighters safe.

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