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Request:

On the 14th of December 2023 Park Royal Red Watch undertook a “charity Everest climb” at Brent Civic Centre.

- Please can you state the total amount of money raised for charity by this activity.
- Please can you state the status of Park Royals two fire appliances while undertaking this activity.
- Please can you state the total appliance time allocated to this activity, including the charity event and any other administration time etc.
- Please can you state the notional hourly rate per fire appliance in 2023.
- Please can you state the notional cost to the LFB for this event (the total fire appliance hours allocated to this activity multiplied by the notional hourly rate), plus any other costs incurred by this event.

Response:

In response, the information to your requests regarding the 2023 Park Royal Red Watch Charity Everest Climb.

On the 14th of December 2023 Park Royal Red Watch undertook a “charity Everest climb” at Brent Civic Centre.

- Please can you state the total amount of money raised for charity by this activity. - *This was a community engagement event focused on raising awareness and seeking to reduce violence in London, as well as in aid of the Firefighter Charity which helps serving and retired firefighters and fire service staff, principally with their physical and mental health. Community engagement activity is a core part of LFB’s service, and every station attends and hosts events across their local communities to support better engagement and deliver key safety messaging. Events like this also provide an opportunity to engage people in addition to our fire station open days, which supports the intent of our Community Risk Management Plan and local Borough Risk Management Plans and to be out in the community more often. A sum of £71 was raised on the day for the Firefighter Charity.*
- Please can you state the status of Park Royals two fire appliances while undertaking this activity. - *Three fire appliances attended this event. One fire appliance from Park Royal attended this event and its status was ‘SR’ – meaning it was on Strategic Resource. This status is used to allow appliances to be assigned to an event or activity and recalled immediately back to service and respond to incidents where there is a need. A further two appliances attended the event and were available for immediate response throughout.*

- Please can you state the total appliance time allocated to this activity, including the charity event and any other administration time etc. - *The event duration was approx. five hours in total. The administration work was approx. six hours and completed by a member of staff in their own time outside of work.*
- Please can you state the notional hourly rate per fire appliance in 2023. - *LFB does not utilise a notional hourly rate for community engagement activity. A notional hourly rate is only applied at specific operational Special Service incidents where our service may be charged, such as pumping water at a commercial premises. In this case, the charge is £364 (+VAT) per pumping appliance, per hour (or part thereof).*
- Please can you state the notional cost to the LFB for this event (the total fire appliance hours allocated to this activity multiplied by the notional hourly rate), plus any other costs incurred by this event. -*The principal aim of this event was to raise awareness and stand with our communities to unite against violence and additionally aim to raise funds for the Firefighter Charity. LFB does not have a notional rate or cost for community engagement activity.*

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request [on our website](#).