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WOMAN DIES IN FLAT FIRE, EDINBURGH

Tuesday 2nd March 2010

A 61-year-old woman has died in a house fire in Edinburgh.

The blaze broke out in a ground-floor flat in Comiston Gardens in the Morningside area of the city at about 7pm last night (1 March).

Group Manager Tom McGrath of Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service said: "A neighbour raised the alarm when she heard the smoke alarm activating in the property. Around twenty firefighters were called to the scene, three fire appliances, a height appliance and the Fire Investigation team. Unfortunately the woman was found to be dead within her home.

"The fire was in a localised area of the property and there was heavy smoke damage throughout the flat but it did not spread from the main door flat leaving neighbouring properties unaffected.

"An inquiry is now under way with the Fire Investigation team trying to establish the cause of the fire, but at this moment in time it is not thought to be suspicious."

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