

01.03.2012

**Freedom of Information Request Reference No: FOIA 529**

Thank you for your email of 03/02/12 requesting information about the Gatecrasher Night Club. Your request followed by our response is as follows:

*I am writing to enquire if information would be available upon the fire which occurred at Gatecrasher nightclub a few years ago. After extensive research on the internet, I am a little dumbfounded at the lack of information available on what actually caused the fire in the first place.*

Please see attached a copy of the incident report. It is emphasised that this is the supposed cause only and is the view of the Officer-in-Charge of the incident.

Some information has been published in response to a previous Freedom of Information request. This information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because it is accessible to you and is already in the public domain, available to view on our website as part of our Freedom of Information Disclosure Log. Please see link:  
<http://www.syfire.gov.uk/Documents/FOI%20333.pdf>.

*Information about all nightclub fires from 2000 onwards to include the name and address and cause of the fire.*

Please see attached a further document showing all nightclub fires from 01/10/2000 to 31/01/2012.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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By email: [mvoades@syjs.gov.uk](mailto:mvoades@syjs.gov.uk)  
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Barnsley  
S70 2HG

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF and at [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

# Report of Fire

Day : Month : Year

Date: **18 | 06 | 07**

## KEY

Tick the appropriate box (or boxes)

Insert code from codelist or enter number

Brigade use

Write in details

## 1. Brigade Information

1.1 Brigade Incident number

**5215072**

1.2 Brigade Area where fire started

**SOUTH YORKS FIRE SERVICE**

Station ground

**13**

1.3 Brigade and Home Office Call number

**44**

**00927**

Fire spread box **0**

## 2. Incident Information

2.1 Address of fire

**GATECRASHER 1; 112; MATILDA STREET; CITY CENTRE; SHEFFIELD; SOUTH YORKSHIRE**

2.2 Postcode (for buildings) or grid reference (if available)

**S1**

**4QE**

**4354**

**3866**

2.3 Risk category

A B C D R

OS national grid reference

Also / if Special risk within area

2.4 Name(s) of occupier(s)/owner(s)

**unknown**

## Times

2.5 Estimated interval from

a) Ignition to discovery

Immediately Under 5 mins 5 to 30 mins 30 mins to 2 hours Over 2 hours Not known

b) Discovery to first call

Immediately Under 5 mins 5 to 30 mins 30 mins to 2 hours Over 2 hours Not known

(use 24 hour clock)

hour mins day\* month\* year\*

2.6..... First call to brigade **17 | 12 | 18 | 06 | 07**

2.7 Mobilising time **17 | 14 | | | |**

2.8..... Arrival of brigade **17 | 16 | | | |**

2.9.. Under control **17 | 09 | 19 | 06 | 07**

2.10 Last appliance returned **17 | 16 | 20 | 06 | 07**

\* Only complete 2.7 to 2.10 if different from 2.6

2.11 Was this a late fire call?

No Yes

2.12 Discovery and call

a) Discovered by

Person Automatic system Other-spec in section 7

b) Method of call by

Person Automatic system Other-spec in section 7

2.13 Was there an automatic fire alarm system in area affected by fire?

No Yes

2.14 Alarm activation method

Heat Smoke Flame Other (spec. in 2.18) Not known

2.15 Powered by

Battery Mains Mains + battery backup Other (spec. in 2.18) Not known

2.16 Did it operate?

No Yes-but did not raise alarm Yes and raised alarm

2.17 Reason for not operating/ not raising alarm

2.18 Other details of automatic fire alarm

### 3. Location of Fire

3.1 a) Type of property where fire started

**Pubs, Clubs, Cafes**  
**Night Club**

b) If mobile, give location

3.2 Residential accommodation affected by fire?

No     Yes, where fire started only     Yes, spread to residential     Yes, where both started and spread to residential     Not known

3.3 Main trade or business carried on where fire started

If none / box  eg wholly residential, and go to 3.4

**Hotels/PH/Restrnnts/csites**

3.4 Multiseated fire

No     Yes

### Fires in buildings and ships

If not / box  and go to 3.10

3.5 Occupancy of building where fire started (leave blank for ship)

Single     Multiple same use     Multiple different use     Under construction     Under demolition

Derelict     Unoccupied     Other - specify below eg. under refurbishment     Not known

3.6 Place where fire started

**NOT KNOWN**

3.7 Use of room, cabin or roof space where fire started

3.8 Floor, deck of origin

Number  if above ground/main deck  
/  if ground/main deck

Number  if below ground/main deck  
/  if other, specify below

3.9 Total number of floors in building where fire started

**3** (leave blank for ship)

### Fires starting in motor vehicles

If not / box  and go to Section 4

3.10 Make/Model

3.11 Fuel of vehicle

Petrol (not fuel injected)     Petrol (not known)     Diescl/ other oil     Electric     LPG     Other - specify in 3.17

3.12 Was vehicle turbo/supercharged?

No     Yes     Not known

3.13 Registration number (if available)

3.14 Year of manufacture (if available)

3.15 Part of vehicle where fire started

3.16 Was engine running? (immediately before fire)

No     Yes     Not known

3.17 Other information available eg VIN, Chassis No etc

### 4. Extinction of fire

#### Fixed firefighting/venting systems

(in area where fire started)  
If none / box  and go to 4.6

4.1 Type of system (code up to 3)  
See Code list 4.1

4.2 Manual or automatic  
M=Manual A=Automatic Z=Not known

4.3 Did it operate?  
A=Yes and extinguished fire  
B=Yes and contained(controlled) fire  
C=Yes but did not contain(control) fire  
N=No

4.4 Number of heads actuated

4.5 Reason(s) for not operating/containing/controlling  
Type (leave blank if answer to question 4.3 is A or B)

Type 1	Type 2	Type 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**1**

**2**

**3**

#### Method of fighting the fire

4.6 Before arrival of brigade

**1 None (no firefighting)**

4.7 By brigade up to stop

**1 Jet - Main/Branch**  
**2 Monitor (Ground/ Aerial)**

4.8 Number of main jets used

**6**

4.9 Number of local authority appliances attending up to time of stop

**7**

**3**

(If further details req'd by brigade-use section7)

Pumping    Other

### 5. Supposed cause, damage and other fire details

#### 5.1 Most likely cause

a)  Accidental  Malicious  Deliberate  Doubtful  Not known

b) caused by  Child  Youth  Adult  Animal  Other (not a person or animal)  Not known

Give additional details of person (if known)

#### c) Defect, act, or omission giving rise to ignition

**Unknown, Doubtful**

#### 5.2 Source of ignition

##### a) Appliance/installation and other sources

**NOT KNOWN**

##### b) Powered by

**NOT KNOWN**

##### c) If source is an appliance, enter the make or model, if known below

#### 5.3 Material or item ignited first

##### a) Description

**NOT KNOWN**

##### b) Composition

**NOT KNOWN**

#### 5.4 Material or item mainly responsible for development of fire

##### a) Description

**NOT KNOWN**

##### b) Composition

**NOT KNOWN**

#### 5.5 Dangerous substances affecting firefighting or development of fire. (Specify up to 2 in order of priority)

If none / box  and go to 5.6

##### a) Material b) Circs

1		
2		

Circumstances codes:- M=being made S=in Storage T=inTransit U= being Used W= combination of circumstances Z= not known

##### c) Main effect of substance on fire and/or firefighting

1	
2	

#### 5.6 Explosion

a)  No  Yes occurred  First  During fire  First and during fire  Not known

go to 5.7

##### b) Materials involved in explosion (specify up to 2)

1	
2	

##### c) Containers involved in explosion (specify up to 2)

1	
2	

#### 5.7 Abnormal rapid fire development

No  Give additional details (if known)

Yes  **NO DETAILS**

#### 5.8 Damage caused to:

- i) item ignited first
  - ii) room, cabin, compartment etc of origin (buildings, ships and vehicles only)
  - iii) elsewhere on floor, deck, other compartments of origin (buildings, ships and vehicles only)
  - iv) elsewhere in building, ship etc of origin
  - v) outdoors beyond property; beyond building, ship, plant, vehicle etc
- a) %: enter percentage of item/room etc damaged  
eg. 25 = quarter, 50 = half etc
- b) Severity: enter code to show severity of damage  
L = Light, M = Moderate, S = Severe

Damage caused by:	to i)		to ii)		to iii)		to iv)		to v) / box(es) if affected
	a %	b	a %	b	a %	b	a %	b	
fire	100	S	100	S	100	S	90	S	<input type="checkbox"/>
heat							10	S	<input type="checkbox"/>
smoke									<input type="checkbox"/>
other									<input type="checkbox"/>
Total not > 100%	100		100		100		100		buildings
% of structure damaged			100		100		75		vehicles
Number of additional: damaged total			rooms cabins c'partm't		floors		other loc		
			10		2				

if further description required by brigade use Section 7

#### 5.9 Estimate of horizontal area damaged

(a)		Area - sq m	(b)	
Area damaged by direct burning	<input type="checkbox"/>	under 1 sq m	Total area damaged by fire heat smoke etc	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 - 2		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 - 4		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 - 9		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	10 - 19		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	20 - 49		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	50 - 99		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100 - 199		<input type="checkbox"/>
	200 +	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>200</b>		If over 200 write in to nearest 50sq m	<b>200</b>	

#### 5.10 Animals killed

If none / box  and go to Section 6

if yes record up to 3 main species

	Species	Number
1		
2		
3		



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01/10/2000 to 31/01/2012				
Date	Cause	Incident Description	Address	Source of Ignition
16/02/2002 20:59:56	Accidental	AFA	REVOLUTION; 44; SILVER STREET; TOWN CENTRE; DONCASTER	Heating, a/conditg
15/07/2003 22:29:50	Malicious	FIRE IN OPEN, BIN	KINGDOM NIGHTCLUB; 1; BURGESS STREET; CITY CENTRE; SHEFFIELD	Spread from Sec/Chm
13/06/2004 01:11:32	Accidental	CHECK EXTINGUISHED FIRE	KAZBAH; 1; WELLINGTON STREET; CITY CENTRE; SHEFFIELD	Cgrette/Cigar/Tbco
20/06/2004 02:08:25	Accidental	SPARKS FROM THE BAR	VALLEY CENTERTAINMENT PARK; BRANNIGANS; BROUGHTON LANE; CARBROOK; SHEFFIELD	Leads to appl'ces
22/10/2004 04:38:31	Accidental		SILVER STREET; TOWN CENTRE; DONCASTER	Fireworks
30/10/2004 02:07:45	Doubtful		MARSHGATE; MARSHGATE; DONCASTER	Not known
27/11/2004 03:55:15	Malicious	GYM REAR OF LOCKIES BAR	HIGH STREET; WOMBWELL; BARNSLEY	Spread from Sec/Chm
17/02/2005 10:12:47	Accidental	AFA	ACTION LEVEL BUILDING; KINGDOM NIGHTCLUB; 1; BURGESS STREET; CITY CENTRE; SHEFFIELD	Switchgear
22/06/2005 04:40:20	Malicious		GOWER STREET; PITSMOOR; SHEFFIELD	Not known
19/02/2006 19:29:15	Accidental		MATILDA STREET; CITY CENTRE; SHEFFIELD	Tumble drier
19/08/2006 23:30:58	Accidental	UPSTAIRS	FLARES; HALL GATE; TOWN CENTRE; DONCASTER	Audio equipt
29/03/2007 02:00:56	Malicious		CORPORATION STREET; TOWN CENTRE R; ROTHERHAM	Not known
18/06/2007 17:12:39	Not known		GATECRASHER 1; 112; MATILDA STREET; CITY CENTRE; SHEFFIELD	Not known
09/01/2008 22:55:21	Deliberate		THE VENUE CLUB; DONCASTER ROAD; CONISBROUGH; DONCASTER	Not known
29/02/2008 22:50:33	Accidental		THE MOODS NIGHTCLUB; PRIORY WALK; TOWN CENTRE; DONCASTER	Luminous discharge
01/07/2008 02:48:11	Accidental	FIRE UPSTAIRS	VIBE; CHARTER ROW; CITY CENTRE; SHEFFIELD	Refrigerator
29/06/2009 04:24:49	Not known		CHARISMA; MARKET STREET; HOYLAND; BARNSLEY	Smoking related - Smoking materials
26/07/2009 02:20:11	Accidental	SPEAKER ON FIRE, POSSIBLY EXTINGUISHED	EMBRACE NIGHTCLUB; 1; BURGESS STREET; CITY CENTRE; SHEFFIELD	Electricity supply - Wiring, cabling, plugs
26/07/2009 04:27:36	Not known		STAINCROSS WORKING MENS CLUB ISTITUTE; NEW ROAD; MAPPLEWELL; BARNSLEY	Not known
01/01/2010 00:03:44	Accidental		ZONE & 5TH AVENUE; LIQUID NITECLUB; MAIN STREET; TOWN CENTRE; ROTHERHAM	Bombs and explosives - Intentional burning - out of control
11/06/2010 08:20:07	Accidental		REFLECT; WEST STREET; CITY CENTRE; SHEFFIELD	Electric lighting - Other lights
21/07/2010 18:03:49	Accidental	SMOKE ISSUING FROM BUILDING, ALARM ACTUATED	EMBRACE NIGHTCLUB; 1; BURGESS STREET; CITY CENTRE; SHEFFIELD	Electricity supply - Wiring, cabling, plugs

26/09/2010 18:30:39	Deliberate - others property		NICHE NIGHT CLUB; 87-91; SIDNEY STREET; CITY CENTRE; SHEFFIELD	Naked flame - Lighted paper or card, or other naked flame
26/12/2010 20:07:59	Accidental		MANBOS; SILVER STREET; TOWN CENTRE; DONCASTER	Electric lighting - Other lights
27/02/2011 09:31:13	Accidental	SMOKE FROM HUSH	HUSH; JOHN STREET; HIGHFIELD; SHEFFIELD	Other
24/06/2011 08:47:37	Accidental		CORPORATION; MILTON STREET; CITY CENTRE; SHEFFIELD	Heating equipment - Heating/Fire
15/07/2011 20:01:05	Deliberate - own property	FIRE IN THE MALES TOILET, POSSIBLY OUT	THE PARK HOTEL; BADSLEY MOOR LANE; CLIFTON R; ROTHERHAM	Naked flame - Lighted paper or card, or other naked flame
13/10/2011 23:43:47	Deliberate - others property	WINDOWS ON FIRE	GOWER STREET; PITSMOOR; SHEFFIELD	Matches and candles - Matches