

Some of scene was made difficult by firefighters insisting that we take a number of casualties at the station entrance. I declined explaining that we were the first ambulance on and could not convey any patients but had to evaluate the situation and I had to take on the role of incident officer until relieved. This was met by some hostility and panic from the firefighters with comments such as 'GIVE ME THE (F) IN KEYS AND I'll DRIVE THE (F) IN AMBULANCE. (NOT HELPFUL).

While I was carrying out a head count and attempting to identify officers in charge from other services I noticed a DSO vehicle arrive on scene - I was still being harassed by firefighters at this stage so did not make contact with the team leader (who I did not recognise at this stage). I presumed that this team leader was take on the role of incident officer.

By this time the entrance to the station was becoming cluttered with kit and patients. I asked a group of firefighters to move the walking wounded away from the entrance to a point down the road and to establish a kit dump further away from the station.

I then returned to the ambulance to find that a silver ambulance officer had taken charge of the scene and my crew mate had been given the role of bronze parker. I was not given a specific role at this stage so I returned to the station entrance to triage and treat patients as they were brought up from the station + assisting with packaging and loading. When the incident was closed my crewmate and I were dispatched to Kings Cross. The following day I found out that the team leader was IRRIVED STORLEY AFTER HIS WAS APPROACHED BY MY CREW MATE I ASKED IF HE WAS TAKING OVER THE ROLE OF (SILVER) INCIDENT OFFICER TO WHICH HE REPLIED NO PICKED UP HIS BAGS AND DISAPPEARED TO UNDERGROUND STATION.

LESSON LEARNED.

PRESUME NOTHING.