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UPDATE: Arson investigation launched following fatal fire in Lewisham

An arson investigation has been launched following the death of a seven-year-old boy in a fire at a residential address in Deptford.

Detective Superintendent Jane Corrigan, of Lewisham Police, said: “We continue to work with our London Fire Brigade partners to establish the circumstances around this tragic death.

“Road closures and a crime scene remain in place at this time and we appreciate the cooperation of local residents in the surrounding area.

“Our thoughts are with the child’s family and specialist officers are providing them with support and will be keeping them informed as the investigation progresses.

“At this early stage there are a number of possible lines of enquiry however officers retain an open mind with regard to motive.

“I appeal to anyone who has information concerning this fire to contact police without delay.”

Police were called to Adolphus Street, SE8, at 03:25hrs on Tuesday, 7 August to reports of a residential fire.

Officers attended along with the London Ambulance Service and six fire engines from the London Fire Brigade.

Two women jumped from a first floor level prior to the arrival of emergency services. They were both taken to a central London hospital where their injuries are not life-threatening.

The London Fire Brigade extinguished the fire.

The body of a seven-year-old boy was found inside the property.

His next-of-kin are aware.

The fire has been deemed as suspicious.

Officers from Lewisham investigate supported by the Homicide and Major Crime Command.

At this early stage there have been no arrests.

Enquiries continue.

Anyone with information on this fatal fire is requested to call police on 101 quoting CAD 933/07Aug or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. You can also tweet @MetCC.

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