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UK. Lifeboat transports fire brigade to blazing Raasay House

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Portree RNLI Lifeboat launched in the early hours of Sunday morning to transport Portree Fire Brigade to attend Raasay House which was on fire. Portree RNLI Lifeboat with five crew aboard launched at 0220 on Sunday 18 January 2009 to take five members of the Portree Fire Brigade and their equipment to the Island of Raasay to attend a fire at Raasay House. Passing Churchton Bay en route to the Ferry Pier at Suisinish, Raasay House was seen to be engulfed in flames and lighting up the night sky.

Portree RNLI Lifeboat arrived at the Ferry Pier on Raasay at 0300 and having put the Fire Brigade members and their equipment ashore proceeded to Sconser to await the arrival of a Fire Officer from Inverness. The Fire Officer was taken to Raasay and the Lifeboat then returned to Portree. In the meantime the Raasay Ferry had taken the Fire Engines from Portree and Broadford from Sconser to Raasay.

Passing Churchton Bay on the way home about 0610, the fire appeared to be out, but it is understood that little was left of Raasay House.

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