



Federation Newsletter

Winter 2022

Making sure your voice is heard

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EVENTS

- Fire Safety Event
25-27 April 2023
- Firex International
16-18 May 2023
- Federation AGM
16th May
- Emergency
Services Show 19-
20 September
2023

Member Forum dates:

14 February 2023

16 May

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Next Forum 14th February

The next Members' Forum will be a return to 'in person' meetings from 11am-3pm on 14th February at the Fire Service College (FSC). The agenda has been circulated to members and includes briefings from BAFE, the FPA and the FSC. Please contact executive@firesectorfederation.co.uk to confirm your attendance as delegate names are required by security.

As we move back to more in person Forum events, we are keen to hear from members about any specific subjects that they would like to have the opportunity to hear from experts about and discuss. Again please forward any thoughts to the email address above.

Steve McGuirk to become Executive Officer

The Board is delighted to confirm that Steve McGuirk has been appointed to take over the position of Executive Officer. He will work alongside Dennis Davis for several months in transition period that allows a managed handover



of the role. Steve is well known in the UK Fire sector, having served as a chief fire officer as well as chairing and being an active board member in many service-related organisations

New Date for AGM - 16 May

The Federation's AGM is will now be held on 16th May during Firex at the Excel in London. Further details on time and location within the venue will be advised in due course.

Consultation on Evaluation Methods for UKFRS



NFCC
National Fire
Chiefs Council

The NFCC Community Risk Programme has launched a consultation on the evaluation methods for UKFRS and is seeking feedback on its document developed to better support robust and defensible evaluation of fire interventions. The document is available for review [here](#).

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Fire Door Guidance

The Home Office has published guidance for responsible persons on compliance with fire door Regulation 10 which came into force last month under the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022. The details are available [here](#)

Higher Risk Building Regulations

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has laid the Higher-Risk Buildings (Key Building Information etc) Regulations 2023 in Parliament. They must now be debated and approved by both Houses of Parliament before they can become law. The regulations set out the high-level information that the principal accountable person will have to provide to the Building Safety Regulator. A copy of the regulations is available [here](#)

New Building Advisory Committee



The Health and Safety Executive recently held the inaugural meeting of the Building Advisory Committee (BAC), established under the Building Safety Act to advise and inform the Building Safety Regulator. More details about the makeup of the committee and its remit are available [here](#)

Emergency Health Service Report

The House of Lords Public services Committee has published its report and recommendations (including the Federation's response) "Emergency healthcare: a national emergency". Its recommendations include a need for greater collaboration between all emergency services to achieve better outcomes. The report is available [here](#)

Guidance for Responsible Persons

the Government has published extensive guidance for responsible persons under the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022 which came into force last month and is available [here](#)

State of Fire and Rescue

HMICFRS has published their annual assessment of Fire and Rescue Services in England 2022. [here](#)

Andy Cooke QPM who on the 31 March 2022 succeeded Sir Thomas Winsor's term as HM Chief Inspector has reported that "Reform is still urgently needed" and that there is a compelling case for reform of our fire and rescue services. Society is constantly changing and public services should adapt accordingly. In too many respects, the fire service hasn't.
