



# Federation Newsletter

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- Building a Safer Future and outcomes from the Grenfell Inquiry 27 January 2020 London
- Federation Board Meeting 4 February 2020 London
- Federation Forum 17 February 2020 Informa 240 Blackfriars Road London
- Building Regulations and Fire Safety Conference 18 March 2020

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## Looking Ahead

In Parliament the Prime Minister speaking for the first time post the General Election gave context to the question "where next" by stating that the UK will now progress with a declared timetable to leave the EU and that domestically the Government will be seeking a "uniting and levelling up across the country" with ambitious investments. [Queen's Speech](#) Next year will also see the start of Phase 2 of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.



Significant matters like these obviously affect many including our Sector and, given the time of year, the wish to everyone is for a Happy Safe and *Restful* Christmas as 2019 closes!

## London Appoints New Fire Commissioner.

Andy Roe Deputy Commissioner, Operations has been appointed as Commissioner from the 1 January 2020. Andy joined LFB in 2002 after serving as a British Army Officer. Prior to becoming Deputy when Assistant Commissioner Andy led a review of all of LFB's People Services as at the time he was responsible for London's 102 fire stations. He has been incident commander at a number of major incidents like the Croydon tram crash and the Grenfell Tower Fire.



Andy's appointment of course follows the retirement of Dany Cotton of whom Federation Director Andrew Lynch said recently "Nobody in the history of the UK Fire and Rescue Service has done more to raise the profile of women in the Service nor done more to raise awareness of mental health issues. She has touched the life of thousands of people."

We send best wishes to Dany and Andy for the years ahead.

## FRS Inspections

HMICFRS published 17 December 2019 the third, and final, tranche of the first independent inspection into fire and rescue services for 12 years. There are 15 reports in this release including one on London Fire Brigade that has attracted wide public interest. [3rd Tranche Reports](#)



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## Ban on combustible materials in and on the external walls of high-rise buildings

In November 2018, the Building Regulations 2010 were amended to ban combustible materials from use in or on the external walls of buildings over 18 metres containing flats, as well as new hospitals, residential care premises, dormitories in boarding schools and student accommodation over 18 metres. A challenge was made which the High Court accepted in respect of the inclusion of products intended to reduce heat gain within a building (for example, blinds, shutters and awnings). The High Court ruling effectively removes these products from the ban. [Ban Ruling](#)

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## Building Regulations and Fire Safety Conference 18 March 2020

This Westminster Briefing will have Rod Mclean, Head of Fire Safety at the Home Office, as key note speaker addressing reforms to the 2005 Fire Safety Order. Agenda and Registration are here [March Conference](#)

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## International Fire Safety Standards Coalition

This collation of which the Federation is a member is creating the International Fire Safety Standards: Common Principles. The overall objective of IFSS-CP is to prevent injury and death from fire in the built environment and minimise the impact on communities, society and the natural environment.

THE IFFSC itself is year old broad global alliance initiated by Garry Strong from RICS which has recently through an internal Standard Setting Committee of independent people from different countries developed the Common Principles upon which it is internally consulting prior to wider distribution. [IFSSC](#)

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## Security and Fire Excellence Awards 2019

This year Dennis Davis received the Ian Marsh Fire Award for his work with the Federation at a prestigious event held at the London Hilton on Park Lane on 28 November 2019. TV celebrity Tess Daly hosted a very well organised industry event that had entertainment and a fun atmosphere. Thanks go to members ECA and Lindum Fire for considering the Federation's work. [FSA Awards](#)



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## Reminder

A few members are still outstanding with their 2019 subscription payment and if you check your own status this would be of great assistance. If you have any queries contact our Treasurer [dave.russell@angusuk.co.uk](mailto:dave.russell@angusuk.co.uk)

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