



Federation Newsletter

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EVENTS

- 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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Links

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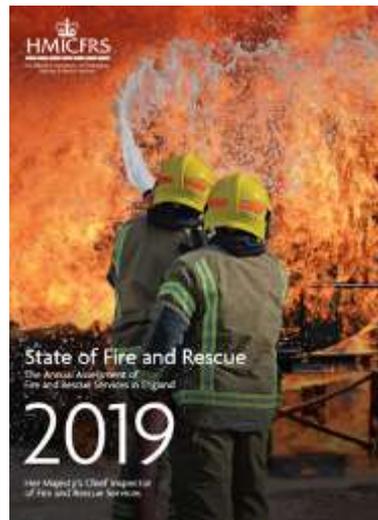
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Forum Meeting 17 February 2020 Informa 240 Blackfriars Road London SE1 8BF

Notice is hereby given that at the next Forum Meeting there will be an Emergency General Meeting to consider amendment to the Federation Memorandum of Understanding. Full details will be circulated

State of Fire and Rescue: Assessment of Fire and Rescue Services in England 2019



Sir Thomas Winsor, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Fire and Rescue Services in his first annual assessment of fire and rescue services in England, acknowledges the strong commitment from firefighters to protect the communities they serve.

Sir Thomas states the FRS's greatest strength is in how it responds to emergencies, with demonstration of a number of life-saving initiatives and a strong health and safety culture.

However, he states that, without reform, the sector will continue to be beset by barriers that prevent progress, perpetuating outdated ways of working and ineffective and inefficient practices with ultimately the service to the public suffering. [HMICFRSReport](#)

Highlights are

- Significant reform is needed to modernise the service with the role needing greater clarity and review of national terms and conditions.
- Chief fire officers need operational independence to run their services effectively and efficiently meeting the priorities and commitments of integrated risk management plans.
- Although operational response is strong many services need to improve their protection work
- Staff need to be treated better with a code of ethics being suggested.
- Some services are financially strapped whilst others are inefficient.

The National Fire Chiefs council has responded acknowledging the report's recommendations while stating that the FRS not influenced by the Inspectorate's recommendations alone and HMICFRS is one of several influential stakeholders. [NFCCResponse](#)

JOIFF Foam Summit

The Joint Oil and Industry Fire Forum, as part of its 2020 Shared Learning Initiative, are hosting The JOIFF Foam Summit - a whole industry Perspective on Fire Fighting Foam to be held at London Heathrow on February 10th 2020. A members discount applies. [joiff-foam-summit-2020](#)

Institute of Fire Safety Managers

IFSM recently launched to major initiatives in fire risk assessment.

The first is an IQ Level 2 Organisation Award for Principles of Fire Risk Assessment and secondly a restructure of the Nationally Accredited Fire Risk Assessors Register (NAFRAR) into three tiers the highest level recognising those who have gained full third party accreditation.

The IFSM Principles of Carrying out Fire Risk Assessments is a Level 2 Award aimed at would be fire risk assessors wanting to come into the industry and provides the basics required to become a competent fire risk assessor.



A Tiered Fire Risk Assessors Register has also been introduced. TFRAR seeks to recognise that to produce future competent fire risk assessors there is a need to create a career pathway for aspiring assessors. Accompanying TFRAR are comprehensive guidance notes and links to the Level 2 Award in the Principles of Fire Risk Assessment [IFSM](#)

European Fire Information Exchange Platform

Post Grenfell the European Commission created a shared space on the EU CIRCABC (Communication and Information Resource Centre for Administrations, Businesses and Citizens) platform called FIEP. Recently announcements are: European Standardization (CEN) has begun preliminary work on Fire Safety Engineering, a Review and Control in the Building Process, to develop a technical specification for review and control procedures for fire safety under CEN TC 127 WG 8.

FIEP also has a series of ongoing surveys including: one on Water for Firefighting; seeking responses on a regulatory approach for new products and high-rise buildings; an exchange of experience from fire accidents; and on the application of fire prevention principles. The site is managed by a consultancy. [EFECTIS](#)

Fire Related Education

A Fire Risk Assessor Competency work group member has launched a new educational platform called FRED (Fire Related Educational Development). FRED involves talks and the presentations delivering live topical experiments. There is a modest cost the proceeds of which go into producing high quality material, take-a-ways and pod casts. Accredited with 7hrs IFE CPD there are reduced fees for members. [FRED](#)
