



# Federation Newsletter

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## EVENTS

- House of Lords Fire Safety Strategy Seminar 24<sup>th</sup> April
- Fire Safety Event 25-27 April 2023
- Firex International 16-18 May 2023
- Emergency Services Show 19-20 September 2023

## Member's Meeting

Annual General Meeting and Discussion 16<sup>th</sup> May EXCEL

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## Jonathan O'Neill OBE



The whole fire sector was deeply saddened by the recent passing of Jon O'Neill. He was one of the most influential and inspirational figures in our industry whose passion to improve fire safety was infectious. His contribution to making our society safer was immense and he leaves a gap that will be very difficult to fill.

Jon was Managing Director at the FPA for 24 years, a founder of the Fire Sector Federation and our Policy Director. Our thoughts and condolences are with his family and many friends and colleagues.

Anyone who would like to pay tribute to Jon by sharing thoughts and memories or donating to St Richard's Hospice in his memory, can do so [here](#)

## House of Lords Strategy Event 24<sup>th</sup> April

The Federation's Fire Safety Strategy Board will provide an update on progress of the development of a National Fire Strategy on 24<sup>th</sup> April in the House of Lords. The session will be chaired by Baroness Brinton with Lord Hendry KC as sponsoring peer and run from 14:00 to 16:00 followed by refreshments until 16:45.



Places for the event are limited but any members who wish to attend should please contact Dennis Davis as soon as possible by email to [executive@firesectorfederation.co.uk](mailto:executive@firesectorfederation.co.uk)

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## OPSS Updates



The Office for Product Safety & Standards recently held a series of informative sessions on current government activity across several different policy areas. Members can access all the presentations on Basecamp.

Following concern after a number of fires, OPSS has launched a Personal Light Electric Vehicle (PLEV) project and is seeking information from manufacturers, distributors and retailers of PLEVs. This includes work on user behaviour, particularly around charging. If you have any information to support this project, please contact [executive@firesectorfederation.co.uk](mailto:executive@firesectorfederation.co.uk) for relevant contact details.

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## Regulator Launches Building Safety Campaign

The Building Safety Regulator has launched a campaign aimed at owners and managers of high-rise residential buildings to highlight their new legal duties under the Building Safety Act. The 'Be Ready' campaign encourages Responsible/Accountable Persons to register their building with the regulator within six months from April as a legal requirement. More information is available [here](#)

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## Reporting Construction Product Concerns

Anyone who has concerns that a construction product is claiming false compliance with CE/UKCA marking should report the manufacturer to trading standards. More information on this issue is available [here](#). If the manufacturer is outside of the UK, then this can be reported to the Office for Product Safety & Standards at: [opss.enquiries@beis.gov.uk](mailto:opss.enquiries@beis.gov.uk)

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## £42 Million for Building Safety Reform

The Government recently announced £42 million over the next three years to support the delivery of new standards created by the Building Safety Act. The package consists of £16.5m grant to Local Authority Building Control in England and Wales and £26m to support Fire & Rescue services in England and the NFCC.

Around 110 building Inspectors and 111 new Fire Prevention Officers are to be recruited and trained over a 3-year programme designed to direct skills and resources into areas with greater distribution of high-rise buildings. More information [here](#).

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## Commencement of BSA fire safety provisions

Regulations have now been laid for new provisions coming into force on 1 October 2023 together with 3 new fire safety guides on small non-domestic premises, small blocks of flats and for small sleeping accommodation. <mailto:executive@firesectorfederation.co.uk>

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