



# Federation Newsletter

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## EVENTS

- FIREX International 16-18 May 2023
- Fire Sprinkler International 31 May-1 June
- Emergency Services Show 19-20 September 2023

## Member's Meeting

Annual General Meeting and Discussion 16th May EXCEL

## Directors

John Spencer (Chair)  
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## Annual General Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> May



This year's AGM will be held at London Excel on 16<sup>th</sup> May at 13:00 to coincide with the FIREX event. All Federation members are invited to attend the meeting in the Gallery Suite 5 and will have to register for a free show pass to gain access. An agenda for the meeting has been issued to members.

## Successful Strategy Event at House of Lords

The Federation's Fire Safety Strategy Board provided an update on progress for the development of a National Fire Strategy in our recent meeting for members in the House of Lords.



The meeting held under the auspices of the All-Party Parliamentary Fire Safety and Rescue Group was chaired by former firefighter and Labour MP, Jim Fitzpatrick and a number of APPFSRG members attended during the session.

FSF Strategy Board Chair, Tom Roche and incoming Executive Officer, Steve McGuirk outlined current thinking and explained progress so far and key priorities to move the industry forward in the process.

A very positive and constructive open discussion with the many fire safety and construction leaders in the room raised valuable points and suggestions of future opportunities for the industry to work together to reduce fragmentation and bring better cohesion by braving through the complex landscape to achieve success. Members will receive regular updates on progress throughout the year as this important initiative gains momentum.

## Morrell Report Published

The independent review of construction product testing led by Paul Morrell OBE and Annelise Day KC has been published. It undertook a critical assessment of the system for testing and certifying construction products and how the system could be strengthened to provide confidence that construction products are safe and perform as labelled and market. The report is available [here](#).

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## Fire Sprinkler International 31 May-1 June

Hosted by the European Fire Sprinkler Network, Fire Sprinkler International will take place in Amsterdam this year. The event is the largest conference in Europe dedicated to water-based fire protection. More details on the event and conference registration are available [here](#).



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## Guides for Implementation of Section 156

New fire safety legal provisions come into force on October 1<sup>st</sup> within section 156 of the Building Safety Act which place new legal duties on Responsible Persons. The government has published guidance for RPs to help them understand and comply with the new legislation. More information is available [here](#).

The Federation is working closely with Home Office to alert RPs and fire risk assessors of the impact of this new legislation which will require a defined level of competence within an initial category of buildings.

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## Chief Inspector of Buildings retires

Peter Baker has retired from his role of Chief Inspector of Buildings after a long and successful career. HSE's current Director of Regulation and former Head of Construction Division, Philip White, will take over Peter's responsibilities on an interim basis pending recruitment of the next Chief Inspector of Buildings.



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## Grenfell Tower Inquiry Publication in 2024

The Inquiry intends to complete the drafting of the report before the end of 2023 and has announced that various practical steps will mean that the final report will probably not be possible before the beginning of next year.

The Panel and Inquiry team are working to finish work on the report as soon as possible and will continue to do their utmost to complete the work within the time indicated.

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## Member Survey

Please keep an eye out for an email inviting Federation members to take part in a short (2 minutes) survey that is designed to gather feedback that will help to shape our future direction and continue to improve the value of your membership. This will be sent by email to members in the next few days.

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