



Federation Newsletter

Summer 2023

Making sure your voice is heard

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EVENTS

- Emergency Services Show 19-20 September 2023
- Fire Conference 17th October 2023

Member's Meeting

Members Forum
October 16th 2023

Directors

John Spencer (Chair)
Dave Russell
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Niall Rowan
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Strategy Update Podcast

Directors, Tom Roche and Steve McGuirk recently took part in the Fire Protection Association 'Assembly Point' podcast series to talk about the Federation's progress on developing a national strategy. The podcast was chaired by Chris Miles, Commercial Director at the FPA and is available [here](#)

Member Discount for Fire Conference 2023



Tickets are now on sale for the annual Fire Conference, which this year takes place on October 17th at the Institution of Engineering and Technology in London. This year's event will address sustainability, new legislation, and the future of fire safety and is organised in partnership by the Federation, IFE, FPA and NFCC. Federation members are reminded that they are eligible for a £50 discount on the delegate fee and tickets can be ordered [here](#)

Consultation Domestic Upholstered furniture

The Office of Product Safety and the Department for Business and Trade are seeking views on a proposed approach to the fire safety of domestic upholstered furniture and furnishings. The Federation is currently developing a response, which can be accessed on basecamp by members. The closing date for submissions is 24th October and full details of the consultation is available [here](#)

New Industry Competence Committee Confirmed

The Building Safety Regulator has confirmed the Chair and membership of its new Industry Competence Committee. John Vanstone will chair the committee, which includes Dennis Davis in its membership. Dennis has worked tirelessly in recent years to lead the Federation's valuable work on competency and continues in his role as Director of Competency on the Federation Board. The committee's work will help bring industry together and encourage a more cohesive approach to competence. Further information on its full membership and objectives is available [here](#)

OPSS Northern Ireland event

The Office of Product Safety and Standards is exploring the potential to hold an event in Northern Ireland to discuss the implementation of new EU General Product Regulations there. Any interested parties should contact Dennis Davis on firstfirecall@aol.com

Final Reminder Home Office Surveys

The final deadline for completion of the Home Office Fire Risk Assessors Survey and Responsible Person Survey is Friday 1st September. The surveys take approximately 10 minutes to complete and are available here:

<https://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/FRAcareerpath/>

<https://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/RP-firesafety/>

Two Staircase Mandate Above 18m

The Government's recently announced long-term plan for housing confirmed "the intention to mandate second staircases in new residential buildings above 18 metres, following confirmation from expert bodies that they support this threshold." More details of the long-term plan for housing are available [here](#)

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