



Finalists announced at the Excellence in Fire & Emergency Awards 2023

FIRE magazine publisher, Fire Knowledge, is delighted to announce the finalists for the Excellence in Fire & Emergency Awards 2023

FIRE magazine publisher Fire Knowledge is pleased to present the ninth annual Excellence in Fire & Emergency Awards, which are growing in popularity each year. With over 125 nominations this year, the awards recognise the very best in the fire and emergency services. This year will see the return of the popular Young People and LGBT+ awards, as well as favourites such as Unsung Hero, Outstanding Contribution to the Fire and Rescue Service and Most Influential Woman in Fire, ensuring the EFEs are the most inclusive and aspirational awards in the emergency services sector.

FIRE is delighted to announce a new category – Neurodiverse Champion of the Year – which will be given to an individual who has excelled in helping to provide an inclusive and inspiring workplace and has demonstrated how they have made a positive difference to the organisation in developing initiatives and providing support to neurodiverse personnel. See all the awards nominations from page 38.

Every year emergency service chiefs, their teams and supplier and industry supporters get together at the prestigious One Great George Street, London, the home of the Institution of Civil Engineers in Parliament Square, to recognise and celebrate the achievements of the fire and emergency services. The Excellence in Fire & Emergency Awards salute innovative working practices, influential leadership, forward-thinking projects, teamwork and commitment to the values of fire and emergency services.

Andrew Ledgerton-Lynch, Editor and Publisher of *FIRE*, said: “We are delighted to introduce a new category, celebrating the often unheralded inclusive and inspiring work of fire and emergency personnel. We are also to be returning to One Great George Street with our ninth annual awards, which have become a popular, must-attend event in the fire and emergency services calendar. It is a delight to celebrate and reward the fabulous personnel that contribute so much time and effort to providing the best possible service to the public. The least we can do is put on a good show for them and we will do that again in the company of our loyal supporters, sponsors and subscribers.”

Fire Knowledge Director and awards presenter **Dave Etheridge** said: “It is a delight to celebrate and reward the fabulous personnel that contribute so much time and effort to providing the best possible service to the public. I am sure it will once again be an outstanding occasion as we reflect on the great work across the UK and overseas, and shine a spotlight on the impressive response and incredibly hard work undertaken by fire and emergency personnel.”

Judging Panel 2023:

Chair **Mark Hardingham**:
Chair, National Fire Chiefs Council

Julie King: Chair, Women in the Fire Service

Lorna King: Features Editor, *FIRE* magazine

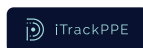
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Emergency Service of the Year

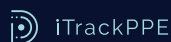
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County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service
Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service
Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service

Resilience & Learning from Major Incidents

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CROSS – Collaborative Reporting for Safer Structures
– CROSS UK

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service

IETUK – Mehrban Sadiq

London Fire Brigade – Operational Resilience and Control

West Midlands Fire Service – Babbs Mill Incident Team

Innovation of the Year

(sponsored by PGI Safety)



Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service – Seamus Doyle

Road Safety Team – Essex County Fire and Rescue Service

West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service – Platinum House

West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service – OneView Project

Collaboration of the Year

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Executive Recruitment)



Cheshire Fire and Rescue Road Safety Team

CROSS – Collaborative Reporting for Safer Structures
– CROSS UK

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service /Anthony Nolan Partnership

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service – Carmel Warren *et al*

Emergency Services Collaboration of the Year

(sponsored by SSS Public Safety)



Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service – Role Play Volunteers

County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service
– Joint Fire Investigation Team

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service – International Women's
Day Planning Team

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and Lancashire Constabulary

Road Safety Team – Essex County Fire and Rescue Service

Training Provider of the Year

(sponsored by The Institute of Fire Safety Managers)



Essex County Fire and Rescue Service – Liam Noll

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service – Apprenticeship Team

Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service Wildfire
Training Team

Women in the Fire Service

Project of the Year

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Practice to Progress Fire)



Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service – Safety Central Volunteers

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service – Atlas Project

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service – Faz Patel and Mohamed
Yusuf Lorgat, Positive Action Team

West Midlands Fire Service – Fire Control NOG Team

West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service – Platinum House

Team of the Year

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Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service – Role Play Volunteers

South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue – Communications Team

West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service – Youth
Interventions Team

West Midlands Fire Service – Babbs Mill Incident Team

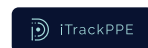
Women in the Fire Service



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Award Categories

Youth Champion of the Year

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Anji Hesketh – Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
Coral Jobson – Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
Sally-Ann Myerscough – Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
Thomas Bryan – Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service Volunteer
Young People and Arson Reduction Team – County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service

Neurodiversity Champion of the Year

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Anita Taylor – Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service
Darcy Williams – Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
Julie Farruggia – West Midlands Fire Service
Lauren Merritt – Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
Sarah Knell – Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue

Most Influential Woman in Fire

(Sponsored by GORE-TEX Fabrics)



Georgina Gilbert – South Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Jenni Seex – Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service
Jo Dawson – Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
Kathryn Billing – Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service
Rebecca Openshaw-Rowe – Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service

Most Influential LGBTQ+ Individual in Fire

(sponsored by *Emergency Services Times* and *The Emergency Services Show*)



Caz Whiteman – South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue
Georgina Gilbert – South Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Jax Effiong – Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service

International Best Practice

(Sponsored by the Institution of Fire Engineers)



CROSS – Collaborative Reporting for Safer Structures
IETUK – Mehrban Sadiq
IGA Istanbul Grand Airport – Istanbul Grand Airport, Airport Rescue Fire Fighting Team
Operation Florian

Most Influential Ethnic Minority Individual in Fire

(Sponsored by the Asian Fire Service Association)



Carl Petch – Greater Manchester Fire Authority
Dalwinder Rai – Surrey Fire and Rescue Service
Dr Muhammad Ahsan – Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
Frederick-Sergil Edwine – London Fire Brigade
Richie Rawlings – Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service

Outstanding Contribution to the Fire and Rescue Service

(Sponsored by PBI Performance Products)



Arron Enever – Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
Chris Temple – South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue
Clive Hamilton and Jennifer Hamilton – Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service

Unsung Hero Award

(sponsored by MSA Safety)



Anthony Doolan – Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service
Claire Bentley – Avon Fire and Rescue Service
Hayley Douglas – Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service
Iain Hughes – West Midlands Fire Service
Mark Cookson – Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service



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Excellence in Fire & Emergency Awards 2023

Join us at the ninth annual Excellence in Fire & Emergency Awards

On 1st December, we will be celebrating the shortlist of innovative working practices, initiatives, partnerships and technology in the fire and emergency services. Join us for our drinks reception, lunch and the awards ceremony itself.

Tickets are £125+VAT.

You can book tickets online at: <https://fireknowledge.co.uk/the-excellence-in-fire-emergency-awards-2023/>



Venue: One Great George Street

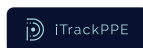
One Great George Street is the headquarters of the Institution of Civil Engineers, the world's first professional engineering body. Located just off Parliament Square, One Great George Street is located opposite government offices in Whitehall and is within a short walk of the Palace of Westminster, Westminster Abbey, the Churchill War Rooms and Number 10 Downing Street.

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