

Healthier Firefighters Today: Evidence-led Approaches to Effective Decontamination

A ground-breaking event raising the bar on providing workable solutions to improve firefighter health

Date: July 2nd

Location: West Midlands Fire Service Headquarters, 99 Vauxhall Road, Birmingham B7 4HW

Why Attend the Healthier Firefighters Conference?

Held in partnership with Vimpex, Fire Knowledge and *FIRE* magazine are pleased to present a forthcoming event on the evidence-led approach to decontamination. The Healthier Firefighters Today conference will apply a science-based approach and will inform fire and rescue services on the removal of harmful contaminants from firefighting clothing.

This ground-breaking event will raise the bar on providing workable solutions to improve firefighter health. It will do this by focusing on best practice, adopting an expert-led scientific approach and being solution-focused.

It will include talks from acknowledged experts in laundry and chemistry, alongside user experiences. It will inform on options for short, medium and long-term improvements to firefighters' health.

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The Healthier Firefighters Today conference will:

- Apply science-based and evidence-led approach to decontamination
- Inform fire and rescue services on removal of harmful contaminants from firefighting clothing
- Hear from acknowledged experts in laundry, chemistry and user experiences
- Inform delegates on options for short, medium and long-term improvements to firefighter health

Who should attend?

- Firefighters and frontline responders
- Senior leaders in fire and emergency response
- Fire and rescue personnel
- Occupational health professionals
- Human resources professionals
- Fire authority members
- Police fire and crime commissioners
- Fire industry equipment suppliers
- Fire sector experts and stakeholders
- Leaders from blue light services

Conference Benefits:

- Inform delegates of global best practice
- Adopt an expert-led scientific approach
- Solution-focused, learning from user experience
- Fully inclusive and FREE for all fire and rescue personnel

Chair:

Brett Egan-Briers, Vice Chair of the NFCC PPE and Clothing Committee

Speakers:

Riccardo La Torre, Fire Brigades Union, 'Union perspective – cancer deaths – improved decontamination' (Confirmed)

Brett Egan-Briers, Vice Chair of NFCC PPE and Clothing Committee, 'NFCC perspectives on available decontamination technologies' (Confirmed)

Ingemar Lejon, Lejon Kemi, 'Perspectives from The Nordics and update on H₂O cleaning research' (Confirmed)

Anna Lorenston, Electrolux Professional, 'Laundry cleaning – Electrolux Professional' (Confirmed)

Adam Stone, London Fire Brigade, 'BA cleaning project and new BA roll-out' (Confirmed)

David Brown, West Midlands Fire Service, 'Field decontamination project' (Confirmed)

Additional Expert Panellists:

Gorazd Stebe, CODEX Technologies d.o.o., 'Combination cleaning – H₂O/CO₂' (Confirmed)

Jan Hamrefors, SiOX Machines, 'CO₂ decontamination' (Confirmed)

Hazem Matar, PAH Analysis and Contaminants Identification (Confirmed)

Chris Hands, West Midlands FRS, BA Washing Experiences (Confirmed)

John Lord, SimTrainer UK, Raising awareness of the risk of contaminants (Confirmed)

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9.30-10.00	Registration & Refreshments
10.00	Introduction: <i>FIRE</i> Editor Andrew Ledgerton-Lynch OBE
10.05	Chair's Introduction: Brett Egan-Briers
10.10	Session 1: End User Perspectives Keynote Address 1: NFCC perspectives on available decontamination technologies <i>Brett Egan-Briers, Vice Chair of NFCC PPE and Clothing Committee</i> Keynote Address 2: Welcome from West Midlands Fire Service <i>David Brown, West Midlands Fire Service</i>
11.10	Refreshments
11.30	Session 2: Cancer Deaths and FRS Response Keynote Address 3: Union perspective – cancer deaths – improved decontamination <i>Riccardo La Torre, Fire Brigades Union</i> Keynote Address 4: BA cleaning project and new BA roll-out <i>Adam Stone, London Fire Brigade</i>
12.30	Q&A session
1pm	Lunch
2.00	Session 3: Industry Perspectives Keynote Address 5: Perspectives from The Nordics and update on H ₂ O cleaning research <i>Ingemar Lejon, Lejon Kemi</i> Keynote Address 6: Laundry cleaning – Electrolux Professional <i>Anna Lorenston, Electrolux Professional</i>
3.00	Refreshments
3.20	Panel Session: Collaborative Solutions Combination cleaning – H ₂ O/CO ₂ , <i>Gorazd Stebe, CODEX Technologies d.o.o.</i> CO ₂ decontamination, <i>Jan Hamrefors, SiOX Machines</i> Decontamination research, <i>Hazem Matar, Associate Professor, Hertfordshire University</i> Plus speakers
4.20	Closing Remarks

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