

Annual Fire Conference and Exhibition 2011

The future of fire

8 – 9 March 2011

Hilton Hotel, Gateshead, NE8 2AR

Who should attend?

Members of Fire and Rescue
Authorities

Portfolio holders in County
Fire Authorities

Chief Executives of County
Fire Authorities

Chief Fire Officers

Members with responsibility
for equality and diversity and
performance

Members and officers
from Housing, Economic
Regeneration and Emergency
Planning



The 14th annual fire conference and exhibition will explore a number of the most topical issues on the national agenda, and will debate the key challenges facing the service in the future. The impact of the coalition government on fire service policy will be a priority area for discussion.

Over two-days delegates from government, leading fire and rescue authority members, local authorities, senior officers and leading lights in the fire industry will come together to hear from the foremost experts and thinkers in the field. A variety of interactive workshops designed to share practical knowledge and look at best practice case studies will be available to delegates.

The programme will include sessions on:

- the implications of the spending cuts on Fire and Rescue Authorities
- radical approaches to delivery
- national functions
- fire and rescue and the voluntary sector
- understanding people profiles: managing risks to reduce fire deaths
- and a range of workshops on staffing issues, including flexible staffing arrangements; shared services/back office functions; sharing chief officers and other senior staff; improved sickness management; improved procurement; and pay restraint and recruitment freezes.

There will also be a workshop on London's preparation for 2012.

Accommodation

The Hilton Newcastle Gateshead hotel is conveniently located and accessible by car, rail or air. The hotel is a short drive from the A1, Newcastle International Airport is a 20 minute drive away and Gateshead Metro Station – just 1 stop from Newcastle Central Station – is a 5-minute walk.

Accommodation has been reserved at a range of hotels. Delegates can view all conference hotels and make a reservation by visiting the NewcastleGateshead Convention Bureau website <https://www.conferencebookings.co.uk/delegate/NGILGGROUP>.

Please note that accommodation is not included in the delegate fee.

Exhibition and sponsorship

There are many opportunities for your organisation to get involved. Please contact Richard Mole on 020 7664 3157 or email richard.mole@local.gov.uk.

Day one – Tuesday 8 March

09.30–10.30	Registration, refreshments and exhibition viewing
10.30–10.45	Conference opening Cllr Brian Coleman AM , Chairman, Local Government Group Fire Services Management Committee His Worshipful the Mayor of Gateshead Cllr Michael Hood
10.45–11.45	Session 1: Localism and spending cuts CFO Peter Holland , President, Chief Fire Officers' Association Neil O'Connor , Director, Fire and Resilience, Communities and Local Government Cllr Kay Hammond , Local Government Group Fire Services Management Committee and Surrey Fire and Rescue Authority Matt Wrack , General Secretary, Fire Brigades Union There will be a question and answer session after each speaker.
11.45–12.10	Refreshments and exhibition viewing
12.10–13.00	Plenary 1: Radical approaches to delivery Chair: Cllr Paul Shannon , Deputy Chair, Local Government Group Fire Services Management Committee, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority and Association of Metropolitan Fire and Rescue Authorities Henrik B. Hansen , Fire Chief, Falck Cllr Mark Healey , Chairman, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority
13.00–13.15	Questions and discussion
13.15–14.15	Lunch and exhibition viewing
13.45–14.10	Fringe session: Optimising fire service delivery for the future Mike Vicary , Managing Director, ORH Ltd Paul Murray , Consultant, ORH Ltd
14.15–15.15	Workshop sessions These workshops will be repeated on day two. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis according to room capacity. W1. Flexible staffing arrangements Chair: Cllr Kay Hammond , Local Government Group Fire Services Management Committee and Surrey Fire and Rescue Authority Ann Millington , Chief Executive, Kent Fire and Rescue Service W2. Improved sickness management CFO Iain Cox , Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service W3. Pay restraint and recruitment freezes James Dalgleish , London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority W4. Shared services/back office functions Marcus Coulson , Improvement Manager, Local Government Improvement and Development Caroline Bosdet , Senior Improvement Manager, Local Government Improvement and Development W5. Improved procurement Sharon Matthews , Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service

W6. Sharing chief officers and other senior staff

Cllr David Rowlands, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Authority

CFO Mark Jones, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service

W7. London's preparation for 2012

Ron Dobson, Commissioner, London Fire Brigade

15.15–15.45	Refreshments and exhibition viewing
15.45–16.05	Plenary 2: National functions Chair: Cllr Fred Walker , Local Government Group Fire Services Management Committee and Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority CFO Lee Howell , Vice President, Chief Fire Officers' Association and Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
16.05–16.20	Questions and discussion
16.20	Close of day one by conference chair
16.45–17.45	Political group meetings Conservative Group Labour Group Liberal Democrat Group Independent Group
18.00–19.00	Fire Authorities meetings Metropolitan Fire Authorities Combined Fire and Rescue Authorities County Fire Authorities
19.30	Drinks reception Hosted by PBI Products
20.00	Conference dinner Opening speech: Cllr Thomas Wright , Chairman, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority Response: Cllr Brian Coleman AM , Chairman, Local Government Group Fire Services Management Committee

Day two – Wednesday 9 March

08.30–09.30	Chairs and chiefs morning meeting on FiReControl
09.00–09.40	Registration, refreshments and exhibition viewing
09.40–09.45	Welcome back from conference chair Cllr Brian Coleman AM , Chairman, Local Government Group Fire Services Management Committee
09.45–10.15	Plenary 3 Chair: Cllr Brian Coleman AM , Chairman, Local Government Group Fire Services Management Committee Bob Neill MP , Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Communities and Local Government
10.15–10.25	Questions and discussion
10.30–11.30	Workshop sessions A repeat of day one. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis according to room capacity. W1. Flexible staffing arrangements W2. Improved sickness management W3. Pay restraint and recruitment freezes W4. Shared services/back office functions W5. Improved procurement W6. Sharing chief officers and other senior staff W7. London's preparation for 2012
11.30–12.00	Refreshments and exhibition viewing
12.00–12.30	Panel discussion: Fire and rescue and the voluntary sector Chair: Cllr Fred Walker , Vice Chair, Local Government Group Fire Services Management Committee and Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority CFO Vij Randeniya , West Midlands Fire Service Jean Templeton , Chief Executive, St Basils
12.30–12.50	Plenary 4: Understanding people profiles: managing risks to reduce fire deaths Chair: Cllr Christopher Newbury , Local Government Group Fire Services Management Committee and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority Andy Ward , Community Safety and Law Enforcement Lead, Experian Public Sector Jo Munton , Central Account Manager, Law Enforcement and Community Safety, Experian Public Sector
12.50–13.00	Questions and discussion
13.00	Close of conference by Cllr Brian Coleman AM , lunch and exhibition viewing

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How to register:

- Complete booking form and return signed copy by post: LG Group Events Team, Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

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Organisation name:

Invoice address:

Postcode:

Delegate one

Title (Cllr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss):

Full name:

Designation:

Tel:

Email:

Facilities/dietary requirements (please tick as applicable)

Vegetarian Vegan diet Wheelchair access

Induction loop Large print Other

Delegate two

Title (Cllr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss):

Full name:

Designation:

Tel:

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Rates: per delegate (*please tick as appropriate*)

Member £360.00 plus VAT

Non Member £460.00 plus VAT

Community/Voluntary Sector Rate

A limited number of places are available to representatives from small community and voluntary organisations at a reduced rate. Please contact the conference administrator on 020 7664 3131 for further details.

Your Purchase order number _____

Payment options

Please tick as appropriate. Please also ensure remittance advice contains full event details.

I enclose a cheque for £_____ made payable to the Local Government Association

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