

# Excellence in Fire and Emergency Winners



Congratulations to the winners of the inaugural Excellence in Fire and Emergency Awards – the celebration of innovative working practices, initiatives, partnerships and technology in the fire and emergency services

**F**IRE magazine publisher Pavilion Publishing, in association with Babcock, would like to congratulate all the winners of the Excellence in Fire and Emergency Awards (EFEs). We were delighted to welcome so many of you to the Caledonian Club for the awards on Friday 17 October, and thank all those who entered and attended. The EFEs were created to be an exclusive gathering uniting suppliers and industry supporters with chief officers to recognise the very best of UK trade in partnership with emergency services.

Commenting after the awards, Event Director Tony Greville said:

"The inaugural Excellence in Fire and Emergency Awards surpassed our expectations in all areas.

"We had more entries, more people at the lunch and more support for the event than we ever dreamed of. It has been fantastic the way the emergency industry has embraced this brand new event.

"Planning for next year's event is already underway and we will confirm the venue over the next few weeks.

**"Please reserve December 4th 2015 in your diary."**

We would like to take the opportunity to further thank our category sponsors: FIRESA Council, Gore, Holmatro, Bristol Uniforms, Amputees in Action, Primetech and Babcock. In addition, our on-the-day sponsors include Bristol Uniforms for the after-lunch chocolates and Primetech for the drinks reception.

Our biggest thanks go to Babcock for their support, expertise and encouragement in producing this inaugural event. See from page 32 for more on how all of our sponsors have worked with fire and emergency services to help deliver world-leading emergency response.

FIRE would also like to thank our Judging Panel for the difficult task of sifting through dozens of high-quality entries to reach the shortlist.

This year's Judging Panel includes: Neil Gibbins, International President of the Institution of Fire Engineers; Paul Fuller, immediate past President of the Chief Fire Officers Association; and Sir Ken Knight, former Chief Fire and Rescue Advisor and author of the *Facing the Future* report.

See all the best photos from the awards on pages 30-31, and find out who walked away with the inaugural EFE trophies on pages 32-34.



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We are delighted to announce the winners of the inaugural Excellence in Fire and Emergency Awards. The EFEs were a celebration of innovative working practices, initiatives, partnerships and technology in the fire and emergency services, so we would like to congratulate all the winners for exhibiting best practice in their field and thank all those who entered for continuing to develop fire and emergency practice.

## Innovation of the Year

(sponsored by Holmatro)



The Innovation of the Year Award will be given to an individual or team that has developed innovative technology or a way of working that has made a significant difference to fire and emergency performance and delivery. The winner will demonstrate one or more of the following: improved safety measures which have led to saving lives and reducing injuries, produced significant cost savings, and improved the provision of emergency response.

## Winner:

### Care Consulting – Innohome Stove Guard System

Over 50 per cent of domestic fires start in the kitchen – the most dangerous place in the house. Finnish company Innohome have cleverly designed a proven innovative system to monitor the activities of cooking on the hob and will alert and prevent potential fires from this source. The Stove Guard system has won a number of awards; it has been independently and successfully tested by Sinteff, a research laboratory in Scandinavia.

*Highly Commended: Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service - Breathing apparatus strap*



## Partnership of the Year

(sponsored by FIRE magazine)



The Partnership of the Year Award will be presented to a fire or emergency individual or team that has participated in a partnership(s) which has made a discernible improvement to the community they serve. The winner will demonstrate innovation and ingenuity, providing best practice and best value, and showing flexible and effective working practices.

## Winner:

### Dorset Fire and Rescue Service – Safe and Independent Living (SAIL)

Dorset SAIL went live in 2010 and is active across Dorset, Bournemouth, and Poole. The scheme was designed to bring services to members of the community through a “one stop” referral form that could be completed by any partner visiting a home or meeting the public at an event. There are over 70 referral partners involved in this scheme, with the past 12 months seeing over 1,500 referral forms completed resulting in over 4,000 actions/support.



## Supplier of the Year

(sponsored by FRESA Council of FIA)



The Supplier of the Year Award will be presented to a fire or emergency supplier whose products or services have made a significant impact upon improving efficiency and life safety. The winner will demonstrate one or more of the following: achieving significant efficiencies and cost savings, changing and improving the lives of members of the community, helping to reduce deaths and injuries.

## Winner:

### APD – Northamptonshire Police – ARTEMIS

ARTEMIS uses state-of-the-art vehicle telemetry to provide vehicle location information and monitor vehicle attributes. This data is used to provide simple and effective feedback to the driver and is also transmitted to the ARTEMIS central servers at the Force's own IT centre. ARTEMIS includes a comprehensive set of reports detailing driver behaviour and utilisation of vehicles with the ability to link into Force Business Intelligence, Control Room and Fleet Management systems. The ARTEMIS solution is designed to realise increases in efficiency through improvements in driver behaviour, vehicle management and resource utilisation.



## Training Provider of the Year

(sponsored by PrimeTech)



The Training Provider of the Year Award will be presented to an individual, organisation or team that has delivered exceptional training for fire and emergency personnel. The winner will demonstrate transference of learning, exceptional feedback, organisational improvements directly linked to the training, and innovation and best practice.

## Winner:

### UCLAN Fire Team – Educating Fire Professionals for Fire Safety Design, Fire Risk Management and Emergency Response

The Division of Fire and Safety Engineering at the University of Central Lancashire have developed a leading position in the United Kingdom and overseas with respect to the delivery of taught undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Fire Safety Engineering, Management and leadership studies. The fire programmes are delivered at the University of Central Lancashire at Preston campus and at various partner institutions, such as, International College of Engineering and Management, Oman and City University of Hong Kong.

Highly Commended: Babcock International



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## Project of the Year

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Recognising the most effective and efficient project, the fire or emergency winner will demonstrate a clear efficiency saving and improvement of service to the public. In addition, the project will deliver sizeable cost savings, streamlined business processes, and innovation and best practice.

## Winner:

### Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service – Progression Pathway

GMFRS have developed a provision to engage, include and provide their communities with opportunities and experiences to develop the values, behaviours, skills and qualifications necessary to gain employment. GMFRS engages with school leavers through a range of initiatives including the Prince's Trust and volunteering – schemes which will help them to develop the values, behaviours, skills and qualifications necessary to gain employment. In 2014, GMFRS became a trailblazer for the government by launching a traineeship scheme in partnership with the National Apprenticeship Service, Skills for Fire and Rescue and learning providers.

*Highly Commended: Operation Florian - Project in Zimbabwe*



## Winner:

### West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service – Research and Investigation Section

This year the West Midlands Fire Service (WMFS) Fire Research and Investigation Section (FRIS) celebrate its 31st anniversary. They were the first dedicated fire investigation team in the UK, the first to have a dedicated Fire Investigation Dog Team (FIDT) and the first team in the UK to carry out investigations for another fire and rescue service in their region. Over the 31 years, FRIS have made an outstanding contribution to the organisation, police and criminal services by investigating over 11,700 incidents.



## The Lifetime Achievement Award

(sponsored by Babcock)



## Winner:

### Ronnie King OBE

Ronnie King OBE served as a Chief Fire Officer in Mid and West Wales for close to twenty years, having previously served in West Yorkshire, London, Fife, and the Fire Service Inspectorate. He retired in 2003 after 41 years in the Fire and Rescue Service.

For the past ten years Ronnie has been more active than ever in the fire world, campaigning tirelessly for improvements in fire safety standards. He has won the respect and affection of all his peers and is seen as an ambassador for Fire UK, bringing disparate parties together through a number of high profile roles.

From a lifetime's experience dedicated to the UK Fire and Rescue Service and improving fire safety provision, Ronnie King is a living legend and worthy recipient of the inaugural Excellence in Fire and Emergency Lifetime Achievement Award.



## Team of the Year

(sponsored by Amputees in Action)



Presented to a fire or emergency team that has made a demonstrable difference to the organisation and community they serve. The winner will demonstrate one or more of the following: reduced deaths and injuries, significant efficiencies and cost savings, and changing and improving the lives of members of the community.



# Excellence in Fire and Emergency Awards: Thanks to our sponsors



The Excellence in Fire and Emergency Awards would not have been such a success without the generous support of our sponsors. Our biggest thanks go to Babcock for their help, expertise and encouragement in producing this inaugural event. By putting their name to our awards categories, FIRESA Council, Gore, Holmatro, Bristol Uniforms, Amputees in Action, Primetech and Babcock further helped enhance the prestige of the EFEs and exemplified the spirit of what the awards represent: a celebration of innovative working practices, initiatives, partnerships and technology in the fire and emergency services.

Find out more about how our sponsors represent the emergency services sector below:

## Babcock International

*Driving innovation and increased capability for blue light customers*

As we move into the last quarter of the year, there is an ever greater need for innovation in helping emergency services organisations to meet their frontline challenges. 2014 has seen some exciting developments in the contracts that Babcock is delivering in partnership with its emergency services customers, including:

- Delivering world class training facilities: In June, Babcock opened the first of two world class training centres for the London Fire Brigade (LFB) – the Emergency Services Training Centre at Beckton. In September, Babcock also welcomed the first wave of delegates into the newly built Emergency Services Training Centre at Park Royal – a centre of excellence for Line Rescue, Fire Fighter Development and Real Fire Training.
- Increasing asset maintenance capacity: Babcock opened its new satellite vehicle workshop in Greenwich in September, which will deliver both increased capability and added value to London Fire Brigade following the new 20-year fleet management contract starting in November.



## Bristol Uniforms

With over 50 years' experience in designing, manufacturing and supplying the personal protective needs of firefighters across the UK, we are constantly striving to maintain and enhance our international reputation for firefighter PPE excellence. Our skilled and experienced designers and technologists have been behind the development of many innovative firefighter garments over the years. (See page 19 for more on Bristol Uniforms)



## FIRESA Council of the Fire and Rescue Suppliers Association

Within the FIA, FIRESA Council acts as a strong and consistent industry voice and a key influencer in the decisions that are affecting our industry. It enjoys significant recognition across the sector including the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Chief Fire Officers Association as well as being part of the Fire Sector Federation.



## Primetech

Technological innovation, superb customer support for its emergency services customers, and a growing programme of creative and training partnerships with emergency services and suppliers are key priorities for leading UK emergency services technology and solutions supplier Primetech.



## Holmatro

Rescuers have been working with Holmatro for decades and they've been developing, producing and testing innovative rescue equipment for nearly half a century. This expertise is at the heart of their extensive product range. Their high-power tools enable emergency services personnel to work efficiently under pressure. As a result, it's safer, easier and quicker to save lives with Holmatro.



## Amputees in Action

Currently celebrating their 10th anniversary, Amputees in Action has a long record of working with fire and rescue services, providing trained amputee actors and special effects make-up artists to bring a heightened level of realism to casualty simulation exercises.



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