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## The Institution of Fire Engineers

### *Firefighters Personal Protective Equipment*

The Reebok Stadium, Greater Manchester, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2004

The North West Branch of the Institution of Fire Engineers, in collaboration with the IFE German Branch, is intending to host a workshop and seminar relating to the significant impact of Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) See overleaf for abstract.

Speakers are intended to include representatives from the ODPM, Health & Safety Executive, manufacturers, Academics and end users. Matters covered will relate directly to standards, design, procurement and management including both strategic and logistical considerations.

The event will be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders, including :-

- Serving fire officers in both Public and Private organisations.
- Civil Aviation Representatives.
- Ministry of Defence
- Manufacturers
- Distributors

For further information please contact the organisers:

[PPE@manchesterfire.gov.uk](mailto:PPE@manchesterfire.gov.uk)



The cost of attending the seminar/workshop will be set at £175.00 per delegate. This will include all papers, refreshments, lunch, conference dinner and parking. This cost has been deliberately kept low in order to attract a wide audience. The event will also carry CPD hours for Professional Body use.

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(Do not send payment, invoices will be raised against delegate details)

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## **Abstract**

“Fire kit”, as far back as just 20 years ago, was widely accepted as almost a form of corporate clothing..... and now as a result of significant research undertaken globally it has evolved into a highly specialised piece of technical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

We are experiencing a large amount of published research expressing considerable concerns over the health and safety issues relating to firefighters personal protective clothing and its suitability for the varying environmental conditions to which it may be exposed.

It appears that there are currently little or no viable alternatives to the standard “one kit does all” consistently used within Fire Services. Further developments in respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE) and HAZMATS PPE further complicate matters. “New Dimensions” cannot be ignored.

The consequences of not providing PPE which is both suitable and sufficient for the wide range of incidents to which the Fire service attends are significant, not only in human suffering terms but also in both civil and criminal litigation claims.

Full and extensive information is lacking and therefore strategic managers are in a poor position to make truly informed decisions.

New research from academics, Firefighters, manufacturers and supporting agencies has been recently undertaken and will be presented and discussed.

In the meanwhile, adequate control measures to manage, as far as is practicable, the procurement, use, inspection, tracking and disposal of PPE should be introduced.

The cost of attending the seminar/workshop will be set at £175.00 (Approx 245 Euro) per delegate. This will include all papers, refreshments, lunch and parking. Additionally, as further added value, the conference dinner, which will take place on the evening of day one, is included in the price for all delegates. The overall cost has been deliberately kept low in order to attract a wide audience. The event will also carry CPD hours for Professional Body use.

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