

EXPERT HELP PANEL- Fire Prevention



1st Ever Sunderland Area Final



Rebecca Richardson, is a Fire Safety Officer and Watch Manager at Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue service's Protection and Technical department. The main aspect of her job role is to reduce the risk to life from fire in premises other than family dwellings. This is achieved by ensuring that fire precautions standards are maintained in non-domestic premises through a program of risk based fire safety audits, partnership working with external organisations/agencies where mutual benefits are apparent, advising the business community on fire safety issues and by enforcement action where it is deemed necessary. Enforcement action can range from the giving of advice to prohibiting or restricting the use of the premises in the most dangerous cases.



Derek O'Donnell is a Fire Safety Officer and Watch Manager at Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue service's Protection and Technical department. My role is to reduce the risk to life from fire in premises other than family dwellings. This is achieved by ensuring that fire precautions standards are maintained in non-domestic premises through a program of risk based fire safety audits, partnership working with external organisations/agencies where mutual benefits are apparent, advising the business community on fire safety issues and by enforcement action where it is deemed necessary. Enforcement action can range from the giving of advice to prohibiting or restricting the use of the premises in the most dangerous cases.



John Ord, is a Fire Safety Officer and Watch Manager at Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue service's Protection and Technical department. He joined Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue service in 1983 and served as an operational firefighter for 18 years before being promoted to Crew Manager in 2001 Community Safety Prevention and Education department. John has worked in Schools education for 4 years delivering the Fire Safety message as a structured one hour lesson to all Year 1 and Year 6 pupils in the district. He was promoted to Watch Manager 2005 in Prevention and Education responsible for the management of all Community Safety activity within the district of Sunderland and accepted the role of Watch Manager Sunderland Phoenix Project January 2007 responsible for the organisation and delivery of the project, liaising with the Youth Offending Service, Schools and other relevant organisations.



Matthew Harrison, Sales and Service Manager at Faelsafe. Faelsafe is a small fire alarm and emergency lighting installation and maintenance company based in Bradford. It operates throughout the country however mainly in the Yorkshire area, with clients ranging from Drax Power Station to our largest contract with the West Yorkshire Police. Matthew's core responsibilities are to oversee all aspects of the maintenance and service schedule, survey and quote for new or upgrading installations, visit new and existing clients in order to gain repeat and new business and maximise profitability on all contracts while assisting the sales team whenever necessary and to liaise with new suppliers on new systems and products available.