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Passive Fire Protection Federation launches safety seminars

The Passive Fire Protection Federation (PFPF) has announced a series of seminars on built in fire protection, to be held at venues around the country. The seminars, which begins on 25th May with a “breakfast briefing” at the Building Centre in London aims to promote better understanding of a range of issues relating to residential and commercial properties and current regulations governing fire safety.

Chaired by Sir Ken Knight, the UK’s Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser, the event will also feature speakers from Wandsworth Council Building Control and the London Fire Brigade, and will provide delegates with an in-depth look at the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order (RRO) with the opportunity to discuss issues with experts from the passive fire protection industries. The British Woodworking Federation will also be the running a session on the role of fire doors in passive or built-in fire protection.

The half day seminars, which cost £50 + VAT per delegate, are aimed at architects, specifiers, facility managers, local authority and housing association officers, registered landlords and hoteliers.

“I’d advise anyone responsible for fire safety - whether they’re specifying passive fire protection measures or conducting fire risk assessments in buildings covered by the RRO - to book a place on this seminar,” said David Sugden, Chairman of the PFPF. “Investigations into several major fires have made the news in recent years and revealed a lack of understanding of the basic principles of fire protection, and who has responsibility under the RRO. A London Council employee who came across this problem told me that from her own experience she knows how difficult it can be to

match the fire tested, certified product with what is actually fitted. There are so many points at which the specification can be changed - the supplier substitutes what he believes to be a similar component, the contractor uses an unqualified installer or, I'm sorry to say, someone along the line thinks they can get away with supplying an inferior product. With these seminars, we hope to make a difference."

Forthcoming events include Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds or York, Newcastle, Glasgow and Cardiff.

Seminars will take half a day, and will cost £50 + VAT per delegate. To register or find out more visit www.pfpf.org or call Wendy Cooles on 01420 471621.

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Editors' notes: The PFPF (www.pfpf.org) is the body for the built-in fire protection industry, and is dedicated to growing awareness on fire protection, and the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. Membership includes the Chief Fire Officers Association, the DCLG, Local Authority Building Control and the Fire Test Study Group (UK) Ltd.

The PFPF Strategy Group includes members who were involved professionally in previous disasters such as the Summerlands Leisure Centre, Kings Cross, write for the trade and fire service media and recently appeared on television commenting on the Channel Tunnel fire and the tragic fire at Lakanal House. For informed, unbiased and professional comment please contact Jane Rigby at MRA Marketing on jane@521621.com who will put you in touch with the relevant person.

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