


FIRE TALK



August 2009

Latest News

Welcome to the August edition of Fire Talk. We exhibited at International Firex in May for the first time, which proved to be a highly successful event; welcome to the new members who've joined since visiting the stand; it was great to see so many existing members too.

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We're now preparing for the forthcoming AGM, further details overleaf, and the inaugural IFEDA/BFC golf tournament in November.

IFEDA news - online



As usual the online edition of the newsletter includes additional articles on Fire Safety Breaches as well as a competition to win a 'limited edition' Black IFEDA silk tie. Don't forget to check out the new members' page with suggested business tips and ideas to help you grow your sales etc. Visit www.ifeda.org and click through to the members only area.

Fire Safety Breaches - June 2009 Property Management Company pleads guilty

A property management company has been ordered to pay over £25,000 in fines and costs after pleading guilty to serious breaches of fire safety legislation following a prosecution brought by the London Fire Brigade.

Shoalacre Ltd. of 44-50 The Broadway, Southall, Middlesex, UB1 1QB, admitted guilt on seven contraventions of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. The case was held on Wednesday 17 June at Harrow Magistrates' Court.

The prosecution followed a fire on 14 November 2007 at a house converted into flats on Turner Road, Edgware. The fire started under the stairs due to an overload of the electrical systems. Inspecting officers visited the premises the following day and found several fire safety failings.



These included no means of detecting fire in the building and fire doors that were not properly maintained. The faults with the fire doors meant that if a fire broke out in the stairwell of the premises, the only likely available exit on the first floor was through the windows.

Assistant Commissioner for Fire Safety Regulation Steve Turek said: "I urge landlords, business owners and employers to take their fire safety responsibilities very seriously. All premises owners and operators must make themselves aware of the regulations, to undertake a fire safety risk assessment, which is now mandatory and to act upon its findings."

Danger: Beware asbestos



IFEDA continues the campaign to highlight the fact that around 20 tradesmen/women are dying every week from asbestos related diseases and we encourage all our members to ask to see the asbestos register when they attend a customer's premises.

Fife Council was fined £10,000 on 9 July 2009 after pleading guilty to charges under sections of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974. The contractor, ECG Building Maintenance Ltd was fined £3,700 after pleading guilty to charges under sections of the same act.

Read the full article online www.ifeda.org in the members' only area.



BAFE accreditation

As members will be aware, a primary aim of IFEDA is the promotion of excellence and quality in the Fire Protection Industry. We do this by being signatories to (and promoting whenever possible) both the ISO and BAFE accreditation schemes. When joining IFEDA, members agree to a commitment to achieve both ISO and BAFE registration within a certain time period; with more and more official bodies requesting BAFE as a condition of contract (as the recent Brent Council tender showed) BAFE is surely the way to grow your business. Where necessary, letters are being sent out to members to remind them of this.



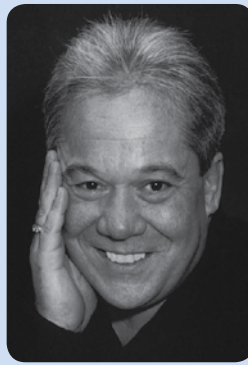


IFEDA AGM

The 2009 IFEDA AGM will take place on the 7th November at our usual venue Charlecote Hall, Stratford upon Avon. This year's seminars will include talks from:

- **Phil Toase and Stephen Adams** the Chairman and General Manager of BAFE respectively
- **John Judd Chairman of the IFE** who will be giving a talk on Personal Development with the IFE
- **Kay Pendell-Smith of ps marketing** on how to market your business
- **Brian Halloran of CSS Consultants** bringing us updates on the asbestos legislation

N.B. All members are expected to participate in the AGM so if you cannot attend please do send your apologies to Karen at the National Office: email info@ifeda.org.



For those of you who are able to make a night of it and join us for the dinner dance there is some excellent entertainment lined up in the form of Micky Pugh.

Mick, Mike, Mickey or even Michael Pugh has been a professional comedian for 26 years and his wealth of experience is evident in every appearance.

Mike has worked in every major theatre in England, including the Royal Albert Hall and several performances at the legendary London Palladium.

He even once shared the Sun newspaper's 'Comedian of the Year' award with Lee Evans.

While his TV appearances are too numerous to mention, Mike is particularly proud of three appearances on the National Lottery Live and his own half hour slot on Sky One which won several awards.

During the 90s, Mike turned his hand to writing for television and radio and many household names have delivered scripts straight from Mike's pen, which he affectionately describes as the "Pugh-Bic".

Around this time, Mike also turned to speaking at dinners. To list the sporting celebrities that he now regards as friends would be an exhaustive task, but he was particularly delighted to have spent two years touring with one of his football heroes, George Best.

Mike is equally at home working as a comedian or as the M.C. and is often booked for his auctioneering skills alone.

While interviewing Mick to produce this very short biography, he modestly asked me not to write that he is, in my opinion, one of the funniest, cleanest, stand-up comedians in the country.... sorry mate, I've done it.

Garry Bushell
Britain's best-known critic

IFEDA training 2009

24th September One Day Extinguisher Technician refresher course

An addition to the published dates, this course is running in Buckingham, North Bucks.

Cost to members is **£157.00 ex VAT** (non member price **£182.00 ex VAT**).



23rd October

One day Fire Hose Reel training course at Stockport training centre.

Cost to members is just **£255.00, ex VAT** (non member price **£285.00 ex VAT**).



The syllabus for the above courses can be found at: www.ifeda.org/training.htm.

Please call the national office on 02380 513326 if you have any questions, and to book. Don't forget, one day refresher training courses can also take place at your premises (dependent on numbers), please call for further details.

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AB Fire Protection



Andy Heaps was delighted to let me know that AB Fire Protection Ltd has been reaping the rewards of their recent move to larger premises. Not only have AB Fire been taking on extra staff, they have also secured (thanks to their BAFE registration) a large contract to supply fire extinguishers and associated products to Lancashire County Council (one of the largest councils in the country) for the next four years. AB Fire Protection is based in Preston and can be contacted via www.abfireprotection.com or call them on 01772 726126.



We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following companies who have recently been granted full membership of IFEDA:

- T Jones Electrical Ltd of the Isle Of Wight
- Leaner Logistics of London
- Denford and Stobart Services Ltd, Manchester
- Fire Guard Services of Harpenden
- Spitfire Services (Hull) Ltd
- DELtân Fire Protection, Rhondda Cynon Taff

Express Fire Equipment Ltd



Congratulations to Express Fire who, Nick Jones tells me, has recently been assessed and awarded the upgrade to ISO 9001:2008, well done Nick and all at Express. Express Fire Equipment Ltd is based in Manchester and can be contacted on 0161 688 5050 or via www.expressfire.com.

We wish them all a long and fruitful association with IFEDA. Details of new and established members can be found via the 'Full members' tab on the IFEDA website home page, www.ifeda.org.

