Fire Safety Regulation

Past, Present & Future

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Historical overview

- Building (Scotland) Act 1959
- Building (Scotland) Regulations 1964
- Post War Building Studies
Notable Fires

• William Henderson & Sons, Liverpool.
• 22nd June 1960
• 11 died.
• Introduction of the Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act 1963.
Notable Fires

- B Stern & Co Upholstery Warehouse.
- James Watt St, Glasgow.
- 18th November 1968
- 22 died.
Notable Fires

- The Rose & Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden.
- 26\textsuperscript{th} December 1969.
- 11 died.
- Introduction of the Fire Precautions Act 1971
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- First introduced for Hotels only
- Followed by places of work
- Only considered employees (numbers dictated)
- Certificate was issued for premises
- Prescriptive standards unchanged for life of building
Legislation keeps changing

- Bradford City FC 1985
- Kings Cross Underground 1987
Emerging Challenges at Incidents

• Vegetable Warehouse, Atherstone on Stour.
• 2\textsuperscript{nd} November 2007.
• 4 Firefighters died.
• Amendments in Standard Operating Procedures across the country.
Emerging Challenges at Incidents

- 83 Waddell Court, Glasgow
- 16th December 2009
- 1 Fatality
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- Steak & Cherry Restaurant, Glasgow
- Tenement Property of different use.
- Fire spread on all floors
Modern Methods of Construction

- Charlotte Street, Glasgow
- Timber Framed Building
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- Sherry Drive, Holytown
- Timber Framed Building
Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

• Part 3 is Specific to Fire Safety and introduced in October 2006.
• Regulations made under the Act
• Places responsibility with dutyholders
• Risk based inspection regime by the FRS
• Embraces the enforcement principles of the Good Enforcement Concordat
Police & Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

• Makes provision for a single Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

• Scottish Fire & Rescue Service commenced on 1st April 2013.

• Major challenges in achieving a consistent and strategically led enforcement regime across Scotland.
Common Approach

PREVENTION & PROTECTION
Directorate Strategy 2013-2016

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
Working together for a safer Scotland
Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

• Knowledge and experiences shared.
• Consistent and standardised approach.
• Immediate deployment of resources.
One Large Resource

- Learning Outcomes shared.
- Technological advances with equipment and fire fighting techniques.
- Three Centres of Fire Engineering Excellence.
- Dedicated Fire Investigation Teams.
- Consistency and Better Regulation.
Questions?