

Qualifications for the Fire and Rescue Sector

AGENDA

- 10.00 – 10.30 Arrival and refreshments
- 10.30 – 10.40 Welcome and introduction
- 10.40 – 11.00 SFJ Awards update
- 11.00 – 11.30 Qualifications and apprenticeship standards
- *What will be the role of qualifications in the new apprenticeship landscape?*
 - *The standards are aimed at core staff and new entrants. What about retained firefighters?*
 - *How do you as Fire and Rescue Services make sure all your workforce is trained to the same high standard and competent?*
 - *How do you evidence competence to the Fire Service Inspectorate?*
 - *How do you quality assure fire service education?*
- 11.30 – 11.45 Refreshment break
- 11.45 – 12.45 Qualifications for core knowledge/skills/competence
- *What is the 'core'?*
 - *Is it the same 'core' for fulltime and retained firefighters?*
 - *What qualification(s) are needed for those firefighters not following the apprenticeship route – size, structure and content?*
 - *What tools can support assessment?*
 - *How can we make sure learners are ready for the apprenticeship end point assessment?*
- 12.45 - 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 – 14.00 Qualifications for technical expertise and CPD
- *From entry level to commander and technical specialists, how do qualifications help develop the experts of the future?*
 - *What qualifications would support CPD and the development of technical expertise?*
 - *Where are the opportunities for cross sector qualifications?*

- 14.00 – 14.30 Qualifications for maintaining currency of skills and expertise
- *What is classed as ‘current’?*
 - *Which areas need to be refreshed and how can this be done?*
 - *Is there a place for ‘refresher’ qualifications?*
 - *What would be important in a ‘refresher’ qualification?*
- 14.30 – 14.45 Refreshment break
- 14.45 – 15.15 Feedback and Q&A
- 15.15 – 15.30 Final thoughts on the day and next steps
- 15.30 Close