



# FETA NEWS

FETA Fire Extinguishing Trades Association

## EGM APPROVES NEW 'QUALITY' RESOLUTION



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At an Extraordinary General Meeting on 18 March, 2004, FETA Council agreed a proposal that will require all FETA members involved in contract maintenance to put their service engineers through the BAFF Registered Technicians Scheme.

This is a significant step for FETA in agreeing the following resolution - "That with immediate effect all members engaged in the contract maintenance of portable fire extinguishers must be seen to be taking positive steps to having their service engineers becoming registered to the BAFF Scheme for Service Technicians (SP104)

within a twelve month period of the passing of this Resolution. All members not engaged in the contract maintenance of portable fire extinguishers shall become ISO 9001:2000 registered through a UKAS Accredited Certification Body, again within a twelve month period of the passing of this Resolution. Failure to comply may lead to members having their membership terminated and all benefits withdrawn."

Brendan Gately, FETA General Manager, commented - "We realise this has implications for our members, particularly those that are not currently

registered to ISO 9001: 2000, but we felt that it was an important step to take in ensuring that FETA membership really does mean a commitment to quality service."

FETA is assisting those members that do not have ISO status by introducing them to companies who help in achieving ISO 9001: 2000 and who have a working knowledge of fire protection companies and their particular needs.

Further details are available from the FETA secretariat by completing the faxback form in this newsletter.

## TARGETED CAMPAIGN FOR FIRE SAFETY REFORM

The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) has established a select multi-agency Publicity Group to ensure the new Fire Safety Order is effectively communicated. £2 million has been committed to the communications plan and it is hoped this will provide the means to ensure much higher levels of awareness than that achieved with the introduction of the Workplace Regulations which are still widely misunderstood by many employers.

From the FETA members' viewpoint it is encouraging that an ex Chairman of the FETA Marketing Strategy Sectoral Committee, Suzanne Donovan, is heading up an ODPM task group responsible for putting the

'theory into practice.' The wider Publicity Group is formed from a diverse number of interested parties including:

- Association of Building Engineers (ABE)
- British Hospitality Association (BHA)
- British Standards Institution (BSI)
- Building Research Establishment (BRE), including Loss Prevention Certification Board (LPCB)
- Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers Association (CACFOA)
- Confederation of British Industry (CBI)
- Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)
- Fire Industry Confederation (FIC)



Suzanne Donovan who is a member of the ODPM Publicity Group tasked with promoting the new Fire Safety Order.

- Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE)
- Small Business Service (SBS)

Plus:

- ODPM Communications Directorate
- ODPM Fire Safety Unit

FETA, through FIC and Suzanne, will be involved at key stages, ensuring the message is presented in a clear and understandable way to the relevant target audience. The Order is likely to take effect early in 2005 and will heavily influence all aspects of fire safety and fire protection companies' businesses.

## FREE COPIES OF BAFF GUIDE

BAFF, the organisation responsible for administering a wide range of schemes designed to improve standards in fire protection, has published a new guide.

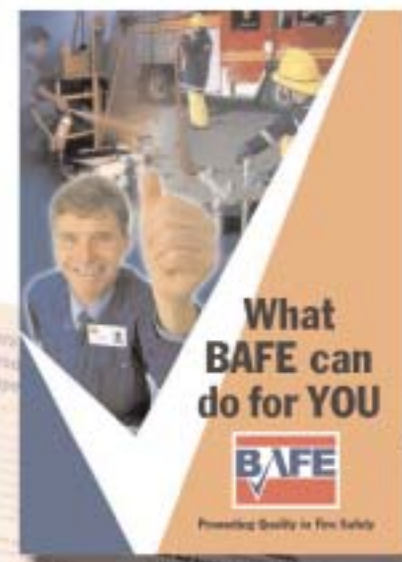
Entitled 'What BAFF Can Do For You', the main objective of the guide is to provide an overview of the numerous schemes operated by or adopted by BAFF, including several which are specifically designed for the portable extinguisher market:

- SP101:** Contract maintenance of portable fire extinguishers
- SP103:** Inspection, testing, refurbishment and re-filling of portable fire extinguishers
- SP104:** Registered technician scheme for the maintenance of portable fire extinguishers
- MP101:** Manufacture of portable fire extinguishers
- MP102:** Manufacture of non-percolating, lay-flat, delivery, firefighting hose and hose assemblies
- MP103:** Manufacture of fire blankets
- SP204:** Halon Decommissioning
- SP201:** Requirements for certified fire detection and alarm systems
- SP202:** Requirements for firefighting system firms
- SP203:** Fire protection industry scheme for the design,

installation, commissioning and maintenance of fire detection, alarm and suppression systems

In addition to describing the remit and the methodology of the various schemes, the guide also provides an overview of BAFF and contact details for the BAFF Council members which include representatives from government, the insurance industry, trading standards and the Health & Safety Executive.

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# KIDDE ACQUIRES GLORIA

**FETA member Kidde has acquired another member company, Gloria KG, as part of Kidde's strategy to strengthen its position in Germany.**

The acquisition was announced on 22 March, 2004 following approval from the German Cartel Office that the £24 million deal could proceed. In addition to enhancing Kidde's position in a country which is of particular importance strategically as Europe's largest industrial fire protection market, it will also provide portable fire extinguisher manufacturer Gloria with a much wider range of fire prevention, detection and suppression equipment alongside its existing product range.

The announcement press release cites the importance of business synergies, with Michael Harper, Chief Executive of Kidde, commenting - "The acquisition of Gloria significantly enhances Kidde's presence in the German industrial fire protection market, Europe's largest. Gloria is a well-equipped business with quality products and will be developed to become an

important part of Kidde's European fire protection business. There are opportunities for both revenue and cost synergies with Kidde's existing businesses. This acquisition is in line with Kidde's strategy to expand our core activity of fire protection by acquiring businesses that have strong brands and market leading positions."

Further information is available on [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com)



The manufacturing facility of Gloria in Germany, now part of the Kidde group following the acquisition on 22 March, 2004.

# DATE CONFIRMED FOR 2004 AGM & LUNCH

**The 2004 FETA AGM and Annual Lunch will take place on 23 June, returning to the popular Savoy Hotel in London.**

Following the morning's AGM, FETA members and their guests will sit down for lunch with many of the leading figures in UK fire safety. Amongst the VIP guests will

be Ken Knight, the new Commissioner of the London Fire & Emergency Planning Authority, Pamela Castle, Chairman of the Business and Community Safety Forum and Alan Doig, President of the Chief & Assistant Chief Fire Officers Association.

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# WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

FETA is pleased to extend a warm welcome to Northern Ireland based company Eurofire which has joined the association since the last issue of the newsletter.

# LOGBOOKS AVAILABLE

The logbooks produced by FETA are proving a useful marketing tool for FETA members in their ongoing maintenance of portable fire extinguishers. The logbook has been updated to include the latest information and is used by FETA customers to log details of their maintenance procedures and inspection

dates. They are therefore seen as a responsible and forward thinking approach to first aid fire fighting.

FETA members are reminded that copies of the logbook are available from the FETA secretariat.

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# FETA EXAM DATES 2004

The dates and locations for the FETA Portable Fire Extinguisher Servicing Exams are:

DATE	VENUE
6 May 2004	West Midlands Fire Service Training Centre Annexe, Potterton Way, Dartmouth Road, Smethwick, West Midlands
14 July 2004	Surrey Fire & Rescue Service Training Centre, Wray Park Road, Reigate, Surrey
20 October 2004	Surrey Fire & Rescue Service Training Centre, Wray Park Road, Reigate, Surrey
16 November 2004	West Midlands Fire Service Training Centre Annexe, Potterton Way, Dartmouth Road, Smethwick, West Midlands

Individuals or companies wishing to reserve a place(s) to sit the FETA exam should contact Janet Willingham at FETA, Kingston on 020 8549 8839 or [jwillingham@abft.org.uk](mailto:jwillingham@abft.org.uk)

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# Training Courses

Established in 1984, BAFE is a non-profit making organisation operating an independent scheme of approval for the service and manufacture of fire protection equipment. It is supported by, amongst others, Government, Trading Standards and Health and Safety Executive.

When a product or service is backed by the BAFE mark, the user can rest assured that what is being specified or bought is effective, reliable and conforms to a standard adopted by BAFE as being the most relevant to provide the quality essential in what are life saving 'systems'.

Whether you work for a fire protection company or have responsibility for maintaining equipment within your company there is an increasing need today to prove that you are a 'competent person'. BAFE training courses are designed to fulfill the requirement of the current Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations in providing the necessary training in order to obtain a certificate of competence for the servicing of portable fire extinguishers. It will adopt increasing importance under the proposed Regulatory (Fire Safety) Order which is expected to come into force in 2005.

The comprehensive three day training course culminates on day four with the candidate sitting the Fire Extinguishing Trades Association's (FETA) nationally recognised, BSI approved, qualification. The training course covers the following:

- Tuition for three full days
- Course manual including the FETA Guide to Servicing Portable Fire Extinguishers
- Lunches and refreshments

Special arrangements can be made, if sufficient number of candidates are available, for training to be conducted at client's premises.

BAFE also offer "Refresher Courses" to bring qualified technicians up to date with the changes in BS5306 parts 3 & 8, one of which is that technicians must undergo this type of training every three years.

Full details of all courses are shown on [www.bafe.org.uk](http://www.bafe.org.uk)

Bookings are now being taken for places on the following BAFE Training Courses:

### The Servicing and Maintenance of Portable Fire Extinguishers

Date	Venue
14-17 June 2004	The Paper Trail Museum, Hemel Hempstead
5-8 July 2004	Bristol International Airport
20-23 September 2004	Surrey Fire Brigade, Reigate, Surrey
4-7 October 2004	Great Barr Hotel, Birmingham
1-4 November 2004	Greater Manchester Fire Service, Manchester

### Refresher Training Courses on The Servicing and Maintenance of Portable Fire Extinguishers

Date	Venue
17 June 2004	The Paper Trail Museum, Hemel Hempstead
8 July 2004	Bristol International Airport

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