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- NAHFO Annual Conference & Exhibition 2026 - 01/09/25
- The Security & Fire Awards for Excellence 2025 - Deadline 8th September 2025 - 02/09/25
- Join us at FSM Live Manchester - NAHFO - 03/09/25
- Support needed - Gaseous Suppression systems in hospitals - 03/09/25
- Deadline Tomorrow -12th September 2025 - Engagement Exercise HEALTHCARE PREMISES, OFFICES & SHOPS - 11/09/25
- Our Effectiveness And Our Future - NAHFO Survey - 11/09/25
- Radios/Walkie Talkie's for Fire Response Team - 24/09/25
- Kind Reminder - Our Effectiveness And Our Future - NAHFO Survey - 24/09/25
- 1 WEEK to go - Join us at FSM Live Manchester - NAHFO - 24/09/25
- Query Fire Training - 24/09/25
- Facit: Protection Identities in Video Footage - 24/09/25
- Call for nominations – 2026 Fire Resilience Excellence Awards entries now open! - 26/09/25
- Conference 2026 - NAHFO -University Liverpool -8th to 10th June 2026 - 26/09/25
- Question To Members - Permit To Work - 08/10/25
- FR Wall Coverings - 14/10/25

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Save The Dates - 2025



21st to 22nd October 2025
Time to Register
STAND - A37

Register today for NAHFO Conference 2026
NAHFO - Conference - Ascent Events

https://ascentevents.co.uk/nahfo-conference-exhibition/conference/#registration

Social Media - Are You Connected ?

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION 2026

Connected. Protected. Prepared: Technology at the Fire Safety Frontier

University of Liverpool | 8-10 June 2026

Exhibitor & Sponsorship Opportunities

Join the UK's healthcare fire safety leaders for three days of insight, innovation, and networking, all while earning CPD credits. NAHFO's national flagship conference returns in 2026 to explore how technology is reshaping compliance, prevention, and emergency response across healthcare estates



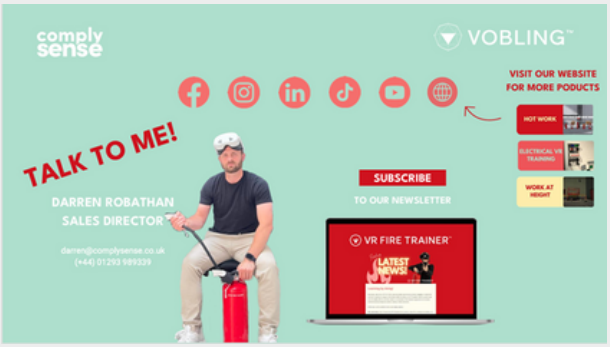
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What's been happening:

London Branch Hosted:





NBE - Hilton B'ham - NAHFO in the spot light



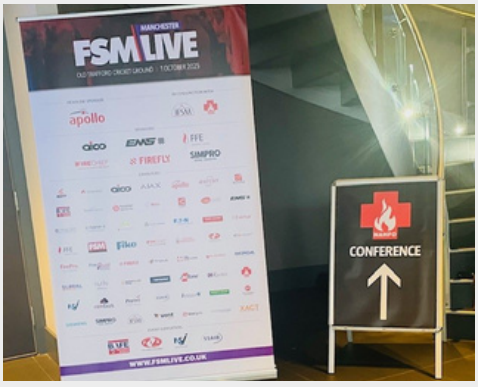




Emergency Services Show - NEC B'ham



FSM Old Trafford Manchester



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What's been happening Cont'd:

FSM Old Trafford Manchester - a BIG thank you to all our speakers



Ian Appel - Thermarestor



Mark Chinery - Trust Fire Safety Manager



Karen Byard - Fire Safety Lead



Neil Hughes - Abloy UK





Darren Robathan - Comply Sense

Opportunity for Corporate Membership

• Ability to visit two Branches per year to present CPD
• Distribute marketing information to members in a controlled manner via the Secretary / Admin Manager
• Link from NAHFO website to company website
• Logo of company included in NAHFO Conference / Seminar marketing as a "Corporate Member" of NAHFO
• Inclusion of items in the newsletter - sent out at least quarterly.
• The annual fee for Corporate Membership is £1500 with a one-time application fee of £50.
• NAHFO will not endorse products or company services.
• The NAHFO Logo must only be used in accordance with the NAHFO Handbook terms and condition of use. • For companies who are Corporate Members wording will be agreed between the NAHFO and the company that can be used on their social medias or correspondence

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Call for nominations – 2026 Fire Resilience Excellence Awards entries now open! Entry is now open through to 28 January 2026 for the Fire Resilience Excellence Awards (FREAs). The FREAs recognise outstanding performance in tackling fires and improving resilience to them. These independent awards celebrate individuals, teams, companies, initiatives, and products involved in fire resilience management across various sectors including public, private and third-sector organisations. The core values of the FREAs emphasise excellence, innovation and dedication to fire safety in the UK.

Entry is free and nominations are invited in the following categories: Outstanding Leader
Outstanding Team
Outstanding Organisation
Outstanding Consultant
Outstanding Installer/Integrator
Outstanding Product/Innovation
Outstanding Partnership/Collaboration
Outstanding Fire Risk Assessor
Outstanding Female Professional

ENTER HERE More information about the event, including how to enter can be found on the website.

Sponsorship is available for those organisations wishing take advantage of the many benefits associated with sponsoring these prestigious awards and the brochure can be viewed here.

The 2026 Fire Resilience Excellence Awards (FREAs) will be co-located with The Safety and Security Series at the Birmingham Metropole Hotel on the 29th April 2026.
The FREAs are proud to maintain strict ethics policies for entry, judging, and sponsorship. Sponsored by AXA, the awards promise an impartial and prestigious recognition for all participants.

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News In from our Corporate Members:

soterweb®
INTEGRATED WORKPLACE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Simplify Fire Safety Compliance with SOTERweb

Fire safety in healthcare is rarely straightforward. Estates are constantly changing, and fire officers must balance everyday responsibilities with the need to stay compliant. Paper files, spreadsheets and scattered records oftenmake the job harder than it needs to be. Theres also a need to keep abrest of changingguiance particualrly around HTMS.



That's why we developed SOTERweb's **Digital Fire Risk Assessment** (FRA) module, working closely with **Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust,** winners of Fire Safety Team of the Year at the Fire & Security Matters Awards. Their input has helped shape a tool that reflects the practical realities of healthcare estates, giving teams a clearer and more consistent way to manage fire risk.

Built for compliance and everyday use

Carry out assessments in line with HTM 05-03 Part K, PAS 79 and BAFE guidance. Record both Primary (building-wide) and Secondary (ward/department) FRAs, so risks are captured at the right level.

Make your assessments both paperless, truly live and more importantly accessible via QR codes.

Manage your Fire Warden checks, Fire Drills, Sounder Checks, Fire Door Inspections all in one place for a truly joined-up approach.

Allocate actions directly to colleagues, track progress and keep a clear audit trail

Use built-in hazard libraries and stock answers to save time and improve consistency.

Generate instant reports with Microsoft Power BI dashboards, making it easier to evidence compliance at both operational and board level

Supporting NHS Trusts and Universities across the UK

SOTERweb is already helping healthcare to strengthen the way they manage fire safety. Designed to efficiently manage Fire Safety, support compliance and provide assurance that your Fire Safety Risk is in safe hands choose SOTERweb.

For more information, visit: www.soterweb.org.uk

PROTECTING LIVES AND CRITICAL OPERATIONS IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES



Healthcare facilities provide essential services to our communities. However, these environments face unique fire safety challenges due to complex layouts, valuable equipment, and the need to ensure patient safety while minimising disruption.

A COMPLEX SAFETY CHALLENGE

Modern hospitals are home to advanced medical technology and high-occupancy wards, where evacuation isn't always feasible. Factors such as false alarms, electrical faults, and the extensive use of medical oxygen can make fire safety even more challenging. Traditional smoke detection systems may struggle, resulting in costly false alarms and disruptions that can hinder patient care.

HONEYWELL'S ADVANCED FIRE & LIFE SAFETY TECHNOLOGIES

We lead the way in fire safety innovation, providing systems specifically designed for the rigorous demands of healthcare environments.

1. ASPIRATING SMOKE DETECTION



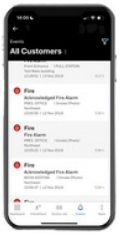
Our VESDA-E aspirating smoke detectors offer very-early-warning detection, crucial for sensitive areas like operating theatres, ICUs, and MRI rooms.
With a network of discreet sampling pipes, these detectors constantly draw in air for analysis, identifying smoke or gas at its earliest stage – even in zones with high airflow or electromagnetic interference where standard detectors may fail.

2. SELF-TESTING FIRE DETECTORS

Self-Test detectors automate routine testing, ensuring compliance and reliability without manual intervention. This is particularly beneficial in healthcare settings where maintenance access is limited, and disruption minimised.



3. CONNECTED LIFE SAFETY SERVICES (CLSS) CLOUD-BASED PLATFORM



Our CLSS platform takes fire safety into the digital era. CLSS allows for remote monitoring, real-time alerts, and predictive maintenance, equipping facility managers to respond swiftly and effectively to any incidents.

PROTECT LIVES AND CRITICAL OPERATIONS

Our integrated fire and life safetysystemshelp facilities to:

- Safeguard patients, staffand assets
- Reduce false alarms and unnecessary evacuations
- Future-proof facilities with scalable technologies
- Meet regulatory requirements

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Protecting People and the Planet – Sustainable Fire Safety

Sustainability has become one of the defining challenges of our time. Across the built environment, developers, designers, and building owners are under increasing pressure to reduce environmental impact, operate responsibly, and support a greener future. Yet while much of the focus has been on materials, energy, and efficiency, one crucial area is often overlooked: fire safety.

Protecting people from fire will always be the core mission of the fire industry. Every second of every day, systems must be ready to respond in order to save lives. But the pressing question is this: how do we continue to deliver that vital protection without compromising the planet?

Embedding Sustainability into Fire Safety

The fire industry, like many others, is facing rising expectations around transparency, accountability, and environmental stewardship. From public procurement frameworks to certification schemes such as BREEAM and LEED, sustainability has moved from a "nice-to-have" to a clear requirement.

Apollo Fire Detectors is committed to helping lead this change. By using tools such as Life Cycle Assessments (LCAs) to evaluate the full environmental impact of fire safety products, Apollo provides the foundation for Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) and TM65 calculations. These tools generate measurable, comparable data on sustainability performance, ensuring that fire safety systems not only safeguard people but also support environmental goals.

Putting Principles into Practice

Apollo is already applying this thinking across its product lifecycle. From responsible design choices and material selection to transparent reporting on embodied carbon, sustainability is being embedded at every stage. Product-level data is actively supporting greener building projects, helping specifiers and building owners make informed decisions that align with their environmental commitments.

Why It Matters

Sustainability is rapidly becoming a deciding factor in specification, tendering, and compliance. Fire safety professionals who understand the frameworks, tools, and terminology will be better equipped to meet client demands and future regulations.

But beyond compliance, there is also a wider responsibility. The fire industry has a unique opportunity to lead with purpose — protecting people and protecting the planet in equal measure. By embracing sustainability, Apollo is helping to shape a safer, greener built environment.

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ASmarter Fire Safety for Healthcare Environments

Whether it's a large multi-building hospital campus or a smaller specialist unit, fire safety systems must deliver reliability, flexibility, and minimal disruption to day-to-day operations in the healthcare environment. Advanced's next-generation MxPro 5 panels, AdvancedLive remote monitoring platform, and AlarmCalm false alarm management technology have been developed with exactly these needs in mind.

Powerful, Proven Performance with MxPro 5

The next-generation MxPro 5 is a powerful, flexible addressable fire panel trusted to protect people and property in hospitals across the UK and Ireland. With approvals to EN54 Parts 2 and 4, and the ability to support wired and wireless devices from leading manufacturers, it provides the versatility healthcare estates need, from new-build developments to phased refurbishments and network expansions.

Recent healthcare installations highlight its real-world performance. At Newham University Hospital in London, MxPro 5 was selected for a large-scale upgrade spanning over 10,000 devices across 98 networked nodes, all while the hospital remained operational. The system's advanced cause-and-effect programming ensured compliance with HTM0503 and seamless integration with the hospital's building management systems.

Likewise, at the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton, MxPro 5 is at the core of the 3Ts Redevelopment programme, where 36 4-loop panels, 46 repeater panels, and bespoke AdSpecials interfaces were deployed as part of a fire safety strategy supporting wards, theatres, and outpatient services in a 13-storey facility.

With its upgraded power supply, and up to 200-node networking, MxPro 5 offers exceptional scalability. Faster configuration and easier programming also make life easier for maintenance teams, all helping reduce downtime and service disruption in critical care environments.

Remote Oversight with AdvancedLive

Available in the UK and Ireland,[JB1] AdvancedLive is our cloud-based fire system monitoring and management platform. It allows facilities and fire safety teams to view the live status of their system from any internet-enabled device.

AdvancedLive enables real-time alerts for fire events and faults, detailed device history for predictive maintenance, and full traceability of user actions. This functionality is particularly beneficial in healthcare settings, where response times and compliance are critical, Accessing AdvancedLive means teams can act quickly, even when off-site, reducing the need for unnecessary callouts and helping to maintain business continuity.

Setup is fast using MxPro 5's built-in Ethernet port, and with customisable dashboards, named user logs, and map or list views, it puts control in the hands of the people who need it most.

Smarter False Alarm Management with AlarmCalm

False alarms are not just disruptive in hospitals, they can endanger lives, delay treatment, and cause distress to vulnerable patients. That's why Advanced developed AlarmCalm, a complete false alarm management solution built into the MxPro 5 panel.

Using investigation delays, alarm verification, and programmable building areas, AlarmCalm enables highly targeted false alarm strategies that align with the specific use of different departments. Optional AlarmCalm buttons can be installed for staff to safely verify an alert before triggering evacuation, helping avoid unnecessary disruption while maintaining full compliance.

In high-dependency areas, such as maternity units or mental health wards, where false alarms are particularly problematic, AlarmCalm can significantly reduce the frequency and impact of unwanted activations.

Whether upgrading a legacy system or developing a new site from the ground up, MxPro 5, AdvancedLive and AlarmCalm give fire safety managers in healthcare everything they need to deliver smarter, safer outcomes.

To find out more, visit: www.advancedco.com

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Management Advice Training

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- Evacuation Aids and Training
- Fire Safety Training and Advice
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