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UNITED KINGDOM
ASSOCIATION OF
FIRE INVESTIGATORS®

21ST ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

Monday 29th January & Tuesday 30th January 2024
Vale Resort, Hensol Rd. Hensol CF72 8JY

DAY ONE

Monday 29th January 2024

- 08.00 Registration, Coffee & Networking
- 08.30 AGM
- 09.00 **David Hancock** (UK) UK-AFI President's Welcome
- 09.15 **Huw Jakeway** QFSM, Chief Fire Officer South Wales FRS
Opening Address

TRAINING PROGRAMME

- 09.30 **Mick Gardiner, Gardiner Associates Training & Research**
Competency - the Journey: Where were we? Where are we?
- 10.30 Tea/Coffee Break
- 10.45 **John Lentini, Scientific Fire Analysis LLC**
Science to the Rescue: Cases where Science Saved the Day
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 **Tuomas Palvia, Fire Investigations UK/FI Global**
Cognitive Bias in Fire Investigation
- 15.00 Tea/Coffee Break
- 15.15 **Penny Harper, Legal Experience Training**
Excellence in Evidence in Fire Investigations
- 16.15 End of Day One
- 16.30 Free time/Gin Tour/RiVR Link
- 19.30 UK-AFI Conference Dinner & Awards



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- 09.00 **Welcome/Admin**
- 09.15 **Rob Gwynne-Thomas, South Wales Police**
Pointyn Farm - A Case Study
- 10.30 Tea/Coffee Break
- 11.00 **Simon Smith, Prometheus Forensic Services**
The Consideration of Human Behaviour during Fire Investigations
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 **Andrew Langley, University of Kent**
Grenfell Tower - Wellbeing Lessons Learned
- 14.30 Tea/Coffee Break
- 14.45 **Dr Mary-Jane Harding, Cranfield University**
Understanding Thermal Alteration of the Fatal Fire Victim
- 16.00 **End of Conference**