



UK-AFI

The UK-AFI 23rd AGM and Annual Training Conference:

"Fires, Forensics and Findings"

To be held on 26 and 27 January 2026 at:

**The Milner
Station Road
York, YO24 1AA**

Getting there:

Train: The hotel is next to York railway station and has direct service from many major cities.

Car: There is hotel parking limited to max 90 vehicles which is not included in the price. Currently £20/day. There is additional paid parking at the station or other nearby parking lots however the train is suggested. There is a door to the hotel next to the station.

Preliminary topic outlines (times and topics subject to change) include:

Day 1

08:00 Registration and coffee.

08:30 UK-AFI AGM

09:00 Incoming president's address – David Schudel

09:15 Opening address – NYFRS CFO Jonathan Dyson

09:30 **Linda Ainscough (Cellmark Forensic Services):** Reconstructing events at fire scenes: collaboration between forensic archaeology, anthropology, and fire investigation

11:00 Break

11:15 **Dr Peter Mansi (Fire Investigations UK):** The importance of conducting fire demonstrations to support forensic fire investigations

12:30 lunch

13:30 **Lucy Pinkard (Hawkins):** Can the adverse effects of thermal runaway in lithium-ion batteries be initiated for nefarious purposes

14:30 **Mike Jones (MJC-FFE):** Electrical fire case study: A six-sided problem

15:30 Break

15:45 **Pete Stone (Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue):** Working on the edge of competence

16:45 End day one

19:30 – Conference Gala Dinner

Day 2

09:00 **Steve Andrews (Fire Investigations UK) –** Smoking still kills: RIP cigarette ignition tests

10:30 Break

10:45 **Richard Hagger (Andrew Moore & Associates):** Amoycan Industrial Centre – two firefighter deaths, were they preventable?

11:45 **Rhodri Jones (HSE):** From research to reality – How the HSE's Past, Present and Future supports fire and explosion investigations

12:45 lunch

13:45 **Noel Lowdon (Harper Shaw Investigation Consultants) -** Vehicle Fire Investigations: Digital Traces

15:00 Break

15:15 **Dr David Schudel (Keith Borer Consultants):** Wrong court; wrong person; wrong charge

16:45 End of day two

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If you wish to book additional accommodation for the nights of Sunday 25th January or Tuesday 27th January, this can be done directly with the hotel at <https://www.themilneryork.com> or by phone on 01904 653 681. Please reference UK-AFI in additional information when making your hotel booking.

Conference Package:

Registration includes the two-day conference programme, Monday night accommodation with breakfast, conference Gala dinner, and refreshments throughout both days. Parking is NOT included.

Gala Dinner Dress Code: Smart.