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Case Study

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Company: Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
Current job title: Fire and Housing Officer, Rogue Landlord Team, Torbay Council (seconded till April 2015).
Year of gaining membership and registration: Fellow in 2013, Engineering Technician registration in 2006.

Please describe your current role:

I am currently seconded to Torbay Council's multi-disciplinary co-located Rogue Landlord Team. I have a dual role as a Fire Protection and Housing Standards Officer and form part of a multi-agency team including fellow Police, Home Office Immigration, Housing Standards, Anti Social Behaviour and Mental Health colleagues.

Please provide a brief outline of your career so far:

From 1991 I served as a firefighter in Plymouth and Torquay, Devon until 1999 and then was promoted to a Sub Officer and then Station Officer in 2003.

I have worked mainly as a fire protection / technical fire safety enforcement officer until the present date with periods as a flexible duty supervisory response officer.

Have you worked on any unusual or high profile projects?

My current role is a new and unusual role. Following the DCLG 2012 paper *Dealing with Rogue Landlords*, Local Authorities within the UK have set up partnership arrangements to deal with rogue landlords who target vulnerable tenants and place them in overcrowded or poorly maintained accommodation. I am part of a multi-agency team co-located and seconded to Torbay Council to tackle this problem within Torbay, Devon.

What attracted you to gain IFE membership and become registered?

Following successful completion of the Station Officers FSEB exams in 1999, I was seeking further professional accreditation within the wider fire industry to support my work and interest as a Fire and Rescue Service technical fire safety officer but to also provide a route for future research and study in respect of fire engineering. The IFE provided all of this and more. I took the then route from reciprocal Station Officers (Fire Service) Graduate via the IFE examination standard route to Member grade then on to to Fellow status in 2013. To further compliment my drive, commitment and interest in fire engineering as a professional, I successfully applied to be registered with the Engineering Council via the IFE as an Engineering Technician in 2006.



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From 2008 I have also been an active member of the IFE Registrants' Group, as an EngTech Reviewer supporting and promoting Engineering Technician status within the UK and internationally.

How has IFE membership and registration benefitted your career?

Membership and registration to a Professional Engineering Institution such as the IFE brings many professional benefits. For me personally it has opened many doors to life outside of the Fire Service, providing access and allowing a fascinating insight into the wider fire industry world. I have also been very fortunate to make many professional personal friendships along the way with opportunities to work and teach internationally and within the UK. Becoming a Fellow of the IFE in 2013 was a very proud achievement.

Do you have any advice for potential members?

Often many people working within the fire industry unknowingly qualify for both membership and registration and in my experience generally only need some professional support, advice and guidance to realise their potential.

My personal advice for all potential UK and international IFE members and Engineering Council registrants would be to access the IFE website to see how they can apply and register, make contact with the IFE Branches locally or regionally and make the first step to professional recognition as a future engineering professional.