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Case Study

Michael Clifford BEng (Hons) IEng FIFireE

Year joined the IFE: IFE Membership 1996,
Engineering Council Registration as IEng 2012

Qualifications: IFE Graduate & Member Exams,
BEng(Hons) First Class in Fire Engineering from
UCLAN studied by distance learning. Currently
working towards MSc in Fire Safety Engineering
from UCLAN.

Current Job Title: Managing Director and Fire
Engineer

Company: MK Fire Training Ltd. & Beacon Fire
Safety

Location: West Sussex, UK

Brief outline of your career so far:

I commenced my career as a fire-fighter in the Naval Air Command Fire Service, progressing to a level equivalent to an Assistant Divisional Officer level in the Military Fire & Rescue Service, prior to moving into Consultancy. Now specializing in Fire Consultancy and Training, I have over thirty years experience as a fire professional. During this time have carried out a wide range of fire safety related work including fire engineering, fire risk assessments, fire precautions compliance advice, fire safety strategy construction, fire audits and fire safety training.

Have you worked on any unusual or high profile projects?

The fire safety work completed has covered numerous differing types of premises such as: the Olympic Park and other temporary stadia for the Summer and Paralympic Games, Nuclear Installations, Military Establishments, Research Sites, Offices, Shops, Factories, Laboratories, Museums, Residential Flats, Residential Care Homes, Schools, Universities, NHS Health Centres, Hospitals and Clinics.



Michael Clifford (right) receiving BAFE SP205 certification from Geoff Rendall of the SSAIB

What attracted you to gain IFE membership / become registered?

I applied for membership, gaining my Graduate and Member levels by sitting the relevant exams to further my knowledge base within the fire engineering discipline. I chose to register as an Incorporated Engineer with the Engineering Council via the IFE to confirm my commitment to my area of expertise.

How has IFE membership / registration benefitted your career?

I have found that colleagues and peers have recognised my commitment to Fire Engineering. In addition, my membership and registration level assist in displaying my competence to external organisations and individuals.

Do you have any advice for potential members?

It is well worth the effort completing the IFE application form as it is a valued grade within the industry. The process of registration for IEng was seamless from start to finish. The IFE membership and registration team were very helpful and ensured that I was kept informed at every step of the process.