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UK Fire Skills Ltd introduces a number of other specialist associates with appropriate skills, qualifications and experience. We are fortunate to utilise the skills of our main associate Dr R W Docherty, QFSM, PhD, C Eng, MEI, FIFireE, MIFSM,

Bob Joined the UK Fire Service in 1968 in Blackpool. He retired in 2001 after a career that stretched over 33 years, the last 13 of those being in Strathclyde as Assistant Firemaster at first as Director of Operations and for over 10 years as Director of Fire Safety.

Bob has also been an active member of the Institution of Fire Engineers and has served on its International Council for over 21 years taking a particular interest in examinations and education. He was made International President of the Institution of Fire Engineers for 1999/2000 and travelled widely throughout the world in this role.

Bob started his academic 'quest' in the 1970's with the Open University and gained a First Class BA Honours degree which he followed with a Doctorate, again with the Open University, for his study on stress and coping in firefighters. He is also a Chartered Engineer. Bob was honoured in the New Years Honours in 2001 with the award of the Queen's Fire Service Medal for his contribution to the Fire Service.

Bob also chaired the CACFOA Fire Safety Technical Committee (Scotland) and was involved in ensuring that this committee works towards a Scottish perspective in all matters relating to fire safety in its future involvement with the new Scottish Parliament. In this capacity, he also acted as an advisor to various other national Committees, e.g. BASIS, Association of District Councils, BS committees etc. He was also a nominated advisor on the Scottish Building Standards Committee (BSAC) and to COSLA as well as a member of the BSAC Fire Safety Sub Committee.

Bob has also sat and advised on various other fire safety committees both local and national in his capacity as a member of the International Council of the Institution of Fire Engineers.

In an international capacity he has been a member of the Underwriter's Laboratories Fire Council (based in the USA) for the last 6 years.

He has delivered many papers at conferences and seminars throughout the world including a Fire Safety paper at the 'Fire Frontier 94' Conference in Tokyo, the 1995 Hong Kong Fire Conference and the 1998 NFPA conference in the USA. He also delivered Fire Safety Risk Assessment papers at international conferences in Sri Lanka, Bahrain, Brunei, USA and Australia. Bob has in the past, and continues to contribute articles to many technical journals and he is the author of the successful book on Airports and Aircraft, fire protection, firefighting and rescue techniques.

Bob now runs his own company, Flamerisk Safety Solutions Ltd. which has been established in the market for the past three years. The company is a successful provider of all aspects of fire safety via consultancy with special emphasis on fire safety risk assessments, fire engineering, training, fire investigation etc. for all types of industry and commerce.

Bob continues to be active in the field of fire safety/engineering and provides fire safety training, especially in risk assessment for management as well as writing papers/contributions to various journals.

He is also involved in the education of fire safety engineers in the UK and abroad, especially at a higher educational level, and he sits on various committees that are linked to this subject.

He is also a verifier and contributor to training in industrial fire brigades through JOIFF and also lectures to the MSc course in fire safety engineering at the University of Central Lancashire with particular reference to Qualitative Risk Assessments.