

Wednesday 6th May 2026			
Radisson Blu Hotel, Ballinacra, Sligo			
Session 1 Chairperson: Mr. Gerry O Malley, Chief Fire Officer, Galway Fire & Rescue Service			
Start	Finish	Title	Speaker
09:15	09:25	Introduction by Conference Secretary	Ms. Marian Coakley, Chief Fire Officer, Sligo Fire Service
09:25	09:35	Welcome Address to Delegates	Cllr. Dónal Gilroy, Cathaoirleach, Sligo County Council
09:35	09:50	Opening Address	Mr. James Browne TD, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
09:50	10:00	Address by the Chief Executive	Mr. Martin Lydon, Chief Executive, Sligo County Council
10:00	10:20	Address by the Chairperson of Chief Fire Officers' Association	Mr. Dermot Brannigan, Chief Fire Officer, Monaghan Fire & Civil Protection
10:20	11:00	Threats and Risks Associated with Emerging Technologies	Mr. Ed Sullivan, Managing Director at Collective Resilience Mr. Joshua Allaway, Lead Scientist at Collective Resilience
11:00	11:10	Tech Talk 1 - FireServiceRota	Dr. Steve Sadler, Strategic Consultant, FireServiceRota
11:10	12:30	Exhibition & Coffee	Exhibition Hall
12:30	14:00	Lunch & Exhibition	
Session 2 Chairperson: Ms. Shelia Broderick, Chief Fire Officer, Meath County Fire & Rescue Service			
14:00	14:40	Evolving Fire Risks in a Changing World: From Climate-Driven Hazards to New Building Technologies	Dr. Eleni Asimakopoulou, Lecturer in Fire Engineering at the University of Lancashire
14:40	15:10	An update from The Federation of European Fire Officers (FEU).	Mr. Stephan Wevers, President of The Federation of European Fire Officers
15:10	15:55	Exhibition & Coffee	Exhibition Hall
15:55	16:05	Tech Talk 2 - S-GARD Schutzkleidung	Mr. Sascha Csoti, International Sales Manager, S-Gard
16:05	16:35	Stepping Up - Stepping In: Fire and Rescue An Evolving Role	Mr. Phil Garrigan, Chair – National Fire Chiefs Council
16:35	16:55	Round Up & Panel Discussion	(All Presenters from Day 1)
17:00		Close of Day 1	
18:30 Depart		Chief Fire Officers' Association Annual Gala Dinner: Markree Castle Hotel, Markree Demesne, Collooney, Co. Sligo	

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Session 3 **Chairperson:** Mr. Niall Curtin, Chief Fire Officer, Waterford Fire Service

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09:15	09:35	Fire Services in Ireland - A National Directorate Perspective	Mr. Keith Leonard, National Director for Fire and Emergency Management
09:35	09:45	Women's Fire Service Network Update	Ms. Shelia Broderick, Chief Fire Officer, Meath County Fire & Rescue Service
09:45	10:25	2024, a year of major emergencies in Valencia	Sr. Mariano Hernández, Training Manager, Consorcio Provincial de Bomberos de Castellón
10:25	11:00	Everything, Everywhere, All at Once -Emergency Preparedness & Response in an Increasingly Fragile Fragmented & Connected World	Dr. Mike Ryan, Former Deputy Director-General of the World Health Organisation
11:00	11:45	Exhibition & Coffee	Exhibition Hall
11:45	12:00	Tech Talk 3 - Innovection Solutions	Ms. Meabh Cullen, Director of Marketing, Innovection Solutions Ltd.
12:00	12:30	The Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association: Advancing Leadership, Strengthening Communities, and Readyng the Fire Service for Emerging Challenges	Chief John S. Butler, President of Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association
12:30	14:00	Lunch & Exhibition	

Session 4 **Chairperson:** Mr. Adrian Kelly, Chief Fire Officer, Clare County Fire & Rescue Service

14:00	14:45	Case Study - Luton Airport Car Park Fire	Mr. Jason Tai, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service
14:45	15:15	Battery energy storage safety best practices: <i>Understanding risks, applying best practice, and supporting effective engagement with fire services</i>	Mr. Peter Deeney, Senior Development Project Manager, RES Group
15:15	15:35	Exhibition & Coffee	Exhibition Hall
15:35	16:15	The Swedish Perspective on Contaminants and Decontamination.	Mr. Peter Arnevall, Director and Chief Fire Officer of Greater Stockholm Fire Brigade
16:15	16:30	Round Up & Panel Discussion	(All Available Presenters from Day 2)
17:00		Conference Close	