

Hazmat 2026 Programme



Day 1 – Wednesday 20th May 2026					
08:30 – 09:30 (Registration and refreshments)					
09:30 – 09:40	Chairperson's Opening Remarks Maria Stearn, NCEC, Ricardo				
09:40 – 09:50	Keynote Dave Walton, West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service/National Fire Chiefs Council				
09:50 – 10:00	Keynote Stephen Darroch, National CBRN Centre				
10:00 – 10:40 (40-minute Exhibitor Networking)					
	Parallel 1 Packwood	Parallel 2 Ballroom A/B/C	Parallel 3 Charlecote	Parallel 4 Harewood	
Parallel session 1 10:40 – 11:25	The Science Behind CHEMET Forecasts Frances Beckett – Met Office	Bulk Electrical Storage System (Bess) fire Case Study Adam Taleb & Jon Bird – Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service	PPE Performance – Managing the contaminants we face Etienne Patterson – Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service	UKHSA response to acute and chronic lead incidents Laura Mitchem - UKHSA	
11:25 (20-minute break)					
Parallel session 2 11:45 – 12:30	As above	As above	As above	As above	
12:30 - 13:30 (1 hour lunch break)					
	Workshop A Packwood	Workshop B Ballroom A/B	Workshop C Charlecote	Workshop D Harewood	Workshop E Blenheim
Workshop session 1 13:30 – 15:15	Planning for Environmental Impacts of Future Fuels Andrew Barnes & Gary Tarling – Environment Agency Paul Bremble – National Fire Chiefs Council	On Scene Assessment & Mitigation of Explosive Hazards Dave Welch - HEMU	Ambipar Response – Combating Hazmat in the Maritime Environment Andrew Lopez – Ambipar Response Ltd	Hands-On G510 GCMS Griffin Teledyne FLIR Operator Workshop James Tomlinson & Verity Holmes – Southern Scientific Krystal Roark – Teledyne FLIR	CBRN & Hazmat Incidents at Major Public Events: Planning & Response Iwan Jones, Ian Sygrove, Darren Woodhouse, Taylor Johnston, Ben Boldison & Dean Blake – National CBRN Centre
15:15 – 15:45 (30-minute break)					
Workshop session 2 15:45 – 17:30	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above
From 19:30	Conference Dinner				

Day 2 – Thursday 21st May 2026				
	Parallel 1 Charlecote	Parallel 2 Harewood	Parallel 3 Ballroom C	Parallel 4 Ballroom A/B
Parallel session 1 09:00 – 10:00	From PowerPoint to Practical Thomas Edwards-Clay & Martin Kammeier – Northumberland Fire & Rescue Service	Containership Fires in 2025 - Case Studies of the STENA IMMACULATE / SOLONG incident in the North Sea, UK and the WAN HAI 503 off Kerala, India. Andrew Le Masurier - ITOFP	UNDERSTANDING EV BATTERIES: EMERGING RISKS AND RESPONSE INSIGHTS Ralph Suppa – Cervitas Solutions	Considerations and unconventional considerations during and after a significant Fire involving an LNG Powered HGV Nick Dunnet, Adam Green & Alison Aldridge – Kent Fire & Rescue Service
10:00 – 10:15 (15-minute break)				
Parallel session 2 10:15 – 11:15	Project Hygeia: Effectiveness of Firefighter Turnout Gear Hazem Matar – Ereuna Ltd	Containership Fires in 2025 - Case Studies of the STENA IMMACULATE / SOLONG incident in the North Sea, UK and the WAN HAI 503 off Kerala, India. Andrew Le Masurier - ITOFP	UNDERSTANDING EV BATTERIES: EMERGING RISKS AND RESPONSE INSIGHTS Ralph Suppa – Cervitas Solutions	Overview of HSE research on Net Zero safety Simon Gant - HSE
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12:30 – 13:30 (1 hour lunch break)				
13:30 – 15:00	The Good, the Bad, the Ugly of the Hazmat Incident Jeffrey Zientek – HIRT LLC			
15:00	Summing up and close of conference Maria Stearn, NCEC, Ricardo			