



## Press Release

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### **The Fire Protection Association (FPA) is deeply saddened to announce the sudden death of David Poxon**

It is with great sadness that the Fire Protection Association announces the sudden death of our colleague David Poxon.

David died suddenly on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 after a short battle with cancer.

David worked at the Fire Protection Association in both technical and management capacities on several occasions. His most recent return was in 2016 when he agreed to become Practice Principal Consultant responsible for assisting FPA clients with complex and varied fire safety projects, as part of the newly formed Professional Practice. In addition to this role he also assumed the roles of FPA's Quality Manager, RISC Authority Manager and RISC Authority Passive Working Group Convenor.

Highly respected, David sat on several BSI committees, he was member of the IFE, a member the IFSM and was listed on their Nationally Accredited Fire Risk Assessor Register. David started his career in the fire and rescue service serving in Zimbabwe and South Africa progressing to the rank of Deputy Chief Fire Officer of Amanzimtoti Fire Brigade. After a brief stint in the power generation and petrochemical industries, David joined the Fire Protection Association of Southern Africa where he served in training, technical and managerial roles before being appointed as General Manager.

#### **Jonathan O'Neill, the Fire Protection Association's managing director (UK) said:**

"David's sudden death is a huge loss to both his family and to the FPA; he was one of our most experienced technical assets and a great manager, mentor and friend to staff and associates. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and to his many friends."

#### **Dr Jim Glockling, Director of RISC Authority (UK) said:**

"What David achieved at the South African FPA was incredible. With very little funding behind him he assembled a dedicated work force - and the demonstration lab was a thing to behold - absolutely first rate. Most of the equipment donated was I'm sure because it was David asking and people liked him - as he was an incredibly decent human being. We will miss him terribly."

A condolence book has been published on the FPA website and we invite everyone who knew and respected David to share their memories of him at [www.tolbc.com/DavidPoxon](http://www.tolbc.com/DavidPoxon).

#### **Renay Sewpersad of the FPA in South Africa expressed:**

"David dedicated his life to the fire services, fire education, and training in South Africa when he served as the GM and then the MD for many years. His tenacity and passion led to the development of a multitude of fire codes, as well as improved regulation within the fire industry. Though he has left the material plane, his contributions to society at large will never be forgotten."

The FPA will publish a full tribute to David in our Fire and Risk Management Journal and organise a suitable memorial as and when the change in the current COVID-19 situation allows.