



GATR NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT – FEBRUARY 2021 FIRE INVESTIGATION TRAINING & ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES

Dear Colleagues,

Following the original outbreak of the Coronavirus, in March 2020 GATR reduced the maximum numbers attending each of our residential training events to 12 delegates. Putting in place appropriate social distancing and other health and safety measures in preparation for the lifting of lockdown and delivery of our September and October 2020 series of face-to-face training & assessment activities.

Over those two months 68 delegates participated in our series of 5-day Practical & 3-day Practical Development Refresher (PDR) training events plus an additional 27 experienced practitioners undertook the initial stages of our robust assessment process aligned to the Skills for Justice Awards (SFJA) 'Level 5 Certificate' (L5C) in Fire Investigation. The total number of L5C GATR registered candidates is now over 200.

During these challenging times, many managers responsible for fire investigation succession planning are expressing concerns that so many experienced practitioners who carry out 'Tier Two' scene Investigations are no longer in post. With this in mind, please be aware that most of the places on the GATR Practical and combined PDR + L5C events between March and July are already reserved and we are already filling events during September and October.

Our 'Online' course administrators and team of subject matter experts are currently assisting over 1500 delegates who carry out 'Tier 1' scene investigations, through our Online Level 2 'Introduction' course options. Please be aware registration dates for L2 cohorts now extend into the second quarter of 2021.

Organisations that have not already registered delegates for our Online options or reserved places for our 2021/22 series of residential training events or registered candidates for our L5C assessments, are strongly advised to do so A.S.A.P. via Tel: 07581 843 737 or email enquiries@gatr.co.uk

During Covid lockdown periods our working groups have been busy developing new 'Online' theory programmes and other professional development training options designed for UK Fire & Rescue Service and Police Service personnel plus private-sector interest groups.

Our local/regional Webinar options will provide additional support to personnel carrying out 'Tier Two' investigations plus those involved in ISO 17020 activities. The first options will focus on what our experienced team of assessors consider to be the most challenging Level 5 Certificate assessment criteria plus sessions focusing on 'Electricity & Fire Investigation'. Further details are available via Tel: 07581 843 737 or email enquiries@gatr.co.uk

Kind Regards

GATR Training & Assessment Team