



The Salvation Army

Essex County Fire & Rescue's (ECFRS) first steps into the world of Primary Authority were created in January 2016 when we signed our first and major partnership with The Salvation Army (TSA).

The organisation is a worldwide Christian church and registered charity which has been fighting against social inequality and transforming lives for over 150 years.

TSA assists the vulnerable and anyone that requires assistance across its portfolio of 650 churches and community centres, over 80 lifehouses and numerous charity shops.

Because of our partnership, ECFRS has a position on Safe Mission Council that gives us a voice at the heart of the organisation to assist and guide the fire safety requirements of TSA and has assisted throughout the pandemic to ensure that not only all staff of the organisation but also any relevant person remains as safe as we can possibly make them.

Regional Safe Mission advisors have the ability to contact ECFRS directly and do so on a regular basis to ensure they maintain safe environments within their own areas. We guarantee to respond to these actions within three working days but most are acted upon within hours of receipt.

In the past ECFRS staff have assisted with the completion and reviewing of a range of procedures and policies across the organisation and have given training on a range of subjects including identifying issues appertaining to risk assessment.

Essex County Fire & Rescue hope that the productive and collaborative partnership between themselves and The Salvation Army carries on for a long time into the future.

John Knight – TSA Head of Safe Mission Stated: The partnership we have with ECFRS gives us access to speedy and accurate advice, helping us to ensure the safety of our people and everyone we work with. Their voice on our Territorial Safe Mission Council is always measured and authoritative, helping us to shape our fire safety strategy. They're always helpful, always approachable and a real benefit to the organisation and the work we do.

