



Latest news from PFCC Roger Hirst - 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021

## Preferred candidate for next Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive for ECFRS announced

Roger Hirst, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex, has selected Rick Hylton as his preferred candidate to become the next Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive of Essex County Fire and Rescue Service.

Rick is currently the Deputy Chief Fire Officer of the Service and was selected following a rigorous and competitive process. He came out ahead of a strong field of national and international candidates from both fire and rescue services, public and private sector organisations, with the rest of the interview panel unanimously supporting his selection.



Roger will present Rick as his preferred candidate to the Police, Fire and Crime Panel at a statutory confirmation hearing that will take place on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

[More about Rick](#)

## Out and about across Essex



## PFCC meets residents in Tendring

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Roger Hirst spent the day in Walton-on-the-Naze on Wednesday talking to residents about their local concerns.

Roger joined Essex County Council Cabinet members on the walkabout and met with representatives from Frinton Residents Association, Great Holland Residents Association and Tendring District Council. Along with Cllr Scott, the Cabinet member for Highways, they discussed Police Community Support Officers, community participation and how road designs and the layout of junctions could help make roads safer.

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## Catch up on South Woodham Ferrers public meeting

We held a public meeting on Wednesday evening for residents of South Woodham Ferrers to find out more about their local Fire and Rescue Service, including the upcoming conversion of South Woodham Ferrers Fire Station to an on call fire station.

It was live streamed on Facebook and if you missed it, you can watch it back by clicking the link below.

[Watch](#)



## Test your smoke alarms

### A message from Essex County Fire and Rescue Service

How often do you test your smoke alarms? Only when you burn your toast?

Smoke alarms need regular testing in order to keep you and your home safe. Owning a smoke alarm that doesn't work is the same as not owning one at all.

Smoke alarms can give someone the few extra seconds they need to escape in a fire. And they even alert others to a fire in your home when you're not in. Think of them as your little security guard standing by on each level of your home.

But while the majority of homes across the county now have an alarm fitted, most people are not aware that the average alarm has a lifespan of just ten years and then needs replacing.

To keep your alarms in working order:

- Make sure there is at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home
- Test your smoke alarms by pushing the button every month
- Check that your smoke alarms are less than 10 years old

- Change the batteries every year. Never remove them.
- Fit smoke alarms in the right place - on landings and hallways and near bedrooms. Also consider fitting them in rooms that have electrical appliances – e.g. a heater or charger – or other fire risks
- Take a moment to check on your loved ones who may need help to ensure they're fully protected
- If you hear someone else's alarm don't ignore it

To find out more about home fire safety or book a home fire safety visit: [essex-fire.gov.uk/book](https://essex-fire.gov.uk/book) or by calling 0300 303 0088.



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