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National Fire
Chiefs Council

INSPECTION

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Chiefs Council

A Bit of History

- 2001 – Fire & Rescue in Home Office
- 2001 – Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Fire Services
- 2002 – National Dispute and Bain Review
 - Bain said – The Inspectorate should be a major engine of reform and cease routine inspection
- 2004 – Fire Services Act removed the Inspectorate
- 2005-2007 a void
- 2007 Introduction of Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser
- 2015 on – post General Election
 - Police and Crime Commissioners
 - Fire returns to Home Office
 - Standards – Delivery - Inspection



Minister's Vision

May 2016 Home Secretary announced proposals for a.....
'rigorous and independent inspection regime to be established for fire and rescue services – to improve transparency and accountability'.

September 2016 Brandon Lewis stated that.....
"any new inspectorate must be proportionate, balanced and risk based with additional burdens kept to a minimum".



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What Has Happened So Far?

- HO engaged with CFOA & CFRAU to develop approach
- HO and CFOA agreed a set of principles to underpin the development of a new inspectorate
- Analysis of current vehicles for assurance completed by CFOA
- Analysis of other Inspectorates (police, prison, probation)
- External Reference group agreed (HO, CFRAU, CFOA, PCC, LGA)
- HO commissioned HMIC & Blue Light Works (BLW) to develop options
- CFOA met with HMIC & Blue light Works
- Stakeholder meetings



National Fire Chiefs Council View

- Welcome Independent Inspection
- Peer Review Far From Broken
- Inspection Aid Transparency – But also aid improvement – link to Peer Review
- Not Over Burdensome
- Needs FRS Expertise
- Must Stay Relevant
- Be aware

Police have lost track of murderers and rapists

The Times Newspaper Headline on 2016

Police Peel Efficiency Inspection



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