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It's been a busy few months for us at The Burning Issue Magazine with football tournaments to organise and developments taking place on our new

revamped website www.theburningissue.co.uk which I must add is now fully operational. We now cover even more of the latest news including current job vacancies and other up-to-date news that matters to you and the fire service. As promised we will be continuing to develop content on both our platforms as time goes on.

Inside Issue 20 you will find some of the best writing talent in the Fire Service giving us their views on subjects ranging from information sharing with local partners, to Dave Sedman's column on how conferences have the potential to bring out the animal in you.

Back in the old days however, when firefighters just dealt with putting out fires, concerns were of an altogether different kind. Fire service historian Alan House takes us back to the early origins of UK Civil Defence, which evolved from the need to provide an effective emergency response capability to deal with the aftermath of bombs targeted at civilians in major cities.

In many ways this provides us with a fascinating comparison to today's efforts to equip services so they can provide the best possible response to the modern-day threat of terrorist attacks.

Brett Tudor
Editor

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