

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **National Flood School Course Gives Real-Life Experience For Fire Damage Training**

Bookings are now being taken for a course which gives insurance professionals first-hand experience of the devastating effects of fire in the home.

The National Flood School puts its state-of-the-art Flood House to a different use by setting fire to the property in a controlled environment as part of the Fire Damage Awareness Day (FDAD), which runs on Tuesday, 20 March, 2012.

Once the fire has taken effect, the delegates can see the damage caused, including the high levels of dust encountered and the odour from the smoke produced.

The FDAD also includes training in a classroom environment at the National Flood School's site in Farnham, Surrey.

Vincent Blackman of the National Flood School, said: "The Fire Damage Awareness Day gives insurance professionals, including claims handlers, a chance to see the damage a fire can cause firsthand, rather than what they hear from a policyholder on the phone.

"The experience overall can then help them have a greater understanding when dealing with policy holders with a fire damage claim, and make the handling process even more effective."

A video about the Fire Damage Awareness Day course can be seen at the National Flood School's own YouTube channel  
[www.youtube.com/nationalfloodschool](http://www.youtube.com/nationalfloodschool)

To book a place on FDAD, or to find out more details about the National Flood School and its other specialist training, log on to [www.nationalfloodschool.co.uk](http://www.nationalfloodschool.co.uk) or call 01252 821185.



## Notes To Editors

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Recognised across the UK and Europe as a leader in the research, development, testing and education of a wide-range of techniques and systems to enhance the restoration of property damaged by flood and fire, the National Flood School was founded in 1988.

Based in Farnham, Surrey, The National Flood School shares its expertise to support and train restoration professionals and provides information and professional guidance for many other associated industries, including insurers and loss adjusters.

The organisation has three specific divisions: training, consultancy and research and development.

The National Flood School has been accredited by the British Damage Management Association (BDMA as a Licensed Training Centre.

This accreditation sees the National Flood School now offer regular courses under the BDMA Licensed Damage Management Training programme, alongside its own comprehensive training events.

It also writes and maintains the BSI Code of Practice for Professional Water Damage Mitigation (PAS 64).