

# Editor's Letter



The process of vehicle extrication has always been a challenge for all involved. Before the fire service took over the responsibility for vehicle extrication, the task fell to paramedics, the police and even local garages. This needlessly put lives at risk and sadly, many died.

Since the fire service took over the responsibility for vehicle extrication there has been much trial and error but now a more uniform approach is in place.

In this edition of The Burning Issue we have a special report on vehicle extrication featuring articles written by Len Watson of resQmed, Mick Rogers of South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service and Mark Burnham of Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service. Each article focuses on a different aspect of vehicle extrication, from the history and how the responsibility originally fell to the Fire Service, to the training of rescue personnel and the importance of the UK Rescue Challenge, to the new strides being taken in extrication technology in the form of Derbyshire's real life 'Transformer'.

Elsewhere in this edition of The Burning Issue we turn our attention to Chester as they celebrate the centenary of their former fire station; Dave Prior tells us all about his experience as a Raleigh Team Leader on expedition in India and the International Firex Show that took place in May is reviewed.

On top of all that we have our regular news, technology and fire safety sections to keep you up to date with all the latest initiatives and developments you need.

We are always on the lookout for contributions to The Burning Issue so if you have an idea for an article you would like to submit please send your proposal to [editor@theburningissue.co.uk](mailto:editor@theburningissue.co.uk) and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

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