

The Rescue^xperience

Technical Rescue's Road Traffic Collision section recently hosted a Holmatro conference at the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service College at Clydesmill.

The two-day event covered heavy rescue and RTCs in a series of presentations and demonstrations.

Nearly 100 delegates joined the heavy rescue seminar, with 80 in attendance for the RTC session the following day.

The delegates included firefighters from Hampshire, Humberside and South Wales as well as SFRS wholtime and RDS firefighters. A number of Scottish Ambulance Service paramedics and firefighters from Glasgow Airport also attended.

DCO Alex Clark welcomed delegates to the conference before expert speakers shared their knowledge and experience.

Leading proceedings was Ian Dunbar, Rescue Consultant with Holmatro, who works closely with the company's research and development team.

Previously a firefighter with Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, Ian has also worked as an assessor for The United Kingdom Rescue Organisation (UKRO) and as a specialist instructor with the Faculty of Anaesthesia Trauma and Critical Care (ATACC).

Gareth Lloyd, UKRO's heavy rescue lead,

provided a presentation on dealing with HGV incidents while using standard rescue appliance equipment.

Gareth trains crews and assessors nationally and delivers talks on best practice for fire and rescue services. He is also an operational WC with Avon Fire and Rescue Service and has been their Heavy Rescue lead for 14 years.

The final speaker was Dr Mark Forrest who is a consultant in anaesthetics and critical care and the Medical Director of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service.

The conference received excellent feedback from the delegates, who praised the seminars as a great opportunity to gain experience and knowledge.

The presentations delivered at the conference can be found on the Intranet.



Above Conference demonstrations and presentations were led by experts in RTCs, heavy rescue and medicine. Delegates at the two-day event included paramedics and firefighters from Scotland, England and Wales.