



2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL MEETING COMMUNIQUE

The 22nd Conference and Annual General Meeting of Fire Protection Association of Nigeria (FPAN) was held from 30th November To 1st December 2023 at The Conference Hall Of University Of Ibadan, Oyo State.

The Theme of the Conference was EFFECTIVE PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) IN FIRE SAFTY MANAGEMENT – A Tool Towards Mitigating Fire Losses In Our Nation. At the Conference the following Papers were presented.

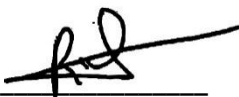
1. Fire Service in Nigeria- How Prepared in Mitigating Fire losses.
2. Standardizing and Enforcement of the National Fire Safety Code and its Implication Towards Fire Safety in Nigeria
3. Managing Fire Safety - An Oil and Gas Industrial Perspective.
4. Assessing the Impact of Fire Safety Management in a Smart City – A case study of Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service.

At the end of the Conference, the following Communiqués and Recommendations were made:

1. The Conference applauded all State Governments that have adopted the Para-Military Status for Fire Service and urged others to do the same as soon as possible for uniformity, efficiency and professionalism.
2. The Conference discussed some provisions of the National Fire Safety Code and concluded it is overdue for review. It therefore, called on the Honourable Minister of Interior to set Agenda for the review.
3. In order for the Nation to have an effective Fire Research Centre, that will coordinate the production of National Fire Statistic as well as ensure Uniformity of Uniform, Rank marking and Operational Procedures, the Conference called for the establishment of Fire Service Commission/ Inspectorate.
4. The Conference reiterated the need for State Fire Services to have input in the Building Plan approval process solely for Fire Safety purposes as agreed at the National Council of Fire Conference.
5. The Conference appealed to the Honourable Minister of Interior to consider making Fire Protection Association of Nigeria (FPAN) an integral part of any Fire Incident Investigation Team.
6. The Conference called on both State and Federal Fire Services to double their efforts on enforcement of Fire Safety laws so that the Insurance

Companies will be encouraged to remit the Statutory 0.25% of Fire Service Maintenance Fund for Improved Services.

7. The Conference called for provision of Route Finders or a detailed Digital Map to all Fire Stations to help familiarization with area of operations and enhance turn out time.
8. The Conference was appreciative of the role played by the Ministry of Interior in inaugurating the National Council on Fire in 2008, it however, called for the development of a road map for the improvement of Fire Service Administration and Operation.
9. The Conference reiterated the need for strong collaboration between Fire Protection Association of Nigeria and the Ministry of Interior through the Federal Fire Service especially on public enlightenment and workshop on Fire Safety activities.
10. The Conference implores the Governing Council of Fire Protection Association of Nigeria to pursue a regulation that will make Membership of FPAN a prerequisite in order to be a Service Provider on Fire Safety.
11. The Conference hereby draws attention to 2009 Memorandum submitted to the National Council on Fire by the Conference of Fire Service Directors on Fire Stations coverage and implores the Honourable Minister of Interior to lead the charge of establishing more fire stations for proper coverage and progressively work towards achieving the ISO Standard of One Fire Station for every 2.4km radius in Urban settings and a turn-out of 3 to 5 minutes.
12. The Conference urged the Honourable Minister of Interior to include FPAN as part of his Think Tank in realizing his Seven-point Agenda with regards to Policy formulation for National Fire Safety Programme.



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