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Trends and innovations in focus: the “Future Forum Fire Protection” at VdS-FireSafety Cologne 2019

A diverse range of expert presentations on 4th and 5th December 2019 will give visitors to VdS-FireSafety Cologne a glimpse of the future.

Cologne, October 2019. What is currently changing in fire prevention and protection, and what technologies are likely to play a role in the future? These questions will be at the focus of attention at the “Future Forum Fire Protection”, a symposium to be held as part of VdS-FireSafety Cologne at Koelnmesse on 4th and 5th December 2019. On the two mornings, experts will give insights into highly innovative developments in the industry. All visitors to the trade fair are invited to attend presentations of their choice, ask questions and enter into discussion with the speakers.

The motto of this year’s Future Forum Fire Protection is “Fire Protection goes smart”. The varied programme includes for example presentations on machine learning in the context of video-based fire recognition and detection by means of hyperconverged security technology in smart buildings. In a live hacking demonstration, IT guru Mark Semmler will show what hazards are lurking in networked systems.

A further presentation deals with the use of digital technologies such as mobile applications and virtual reality (VR) in training simulations. On both days of the trade fair, visitors will have the opportunity to try out a VR simulation for themselves: they can extinguish a virtual fire in a realistic scenario in the exhibition hall.

The complete “Future Forum Fire Protection” programme is available at bst.vds.de/en/forums.

VdS-FireSafety Cologne 2019 with an extensive programme

The “Future Forum Fire Protection” is just one of many information offers at VdS-FireSafety Cologne. In a second themed forum for example, the Exhibitor Forum, a number of exhibitors will present their solutions. Visitors to the trade fair can attend both forums at no additional cost.

The international trade fair also provides visitors with an overview of innovations in preventive fire protection. Numerous live demonstrations make the exhibits vividly experienceable. The “Meeting place education and career” is a new feature: training providers will present their programmes here, along with a job exchange offering up-to-date employment opportunities.

Eight expert conferences will be staged on the occasion of VdS-FireSafety Cologne; these can be separately booked:

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- New: Voice Alarm Systems (4th Dec 2019)
- 46th Professional Development Seminar for Fire Protection Managers (4th/5th Dec 2019)
- Fire Extinguishing Systems (4th Dec 2019)
- Structural Fire Protection (4th Dec 2019)
- Security and Alarm Management (4th Dec 2019)
- Fire Detection and Alarm Systems (5th Dec 2019)
- Smoke and Heat Exhaust Ventilation Systems (5th Dec 2019)
- Compact seminar: Construction and Fire Protection in NRW (5th Dec 2019)

All information on VdS-FireSafety Cologne is available at www.vds.de/fire-safety

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