



Thames Valley Specialised Section Electronics, Control Computing & Communications

## But we don't make fire engines Working with the Fire and Rescue Service to Develop Technology for Crisis Management

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Cantley House Hotel, Milton Road, Wokingham

Light refreshments available from 19:00-19:30

Recent events such as 9/11, the 7/7 London bombings, the Buncefield Oil Depot explosion and the severe flooding events of 2007 have made the role played by the UK Emergency Services increasingly diverse and more complex. To support their ever changing operations, there is a real need for cutting edge technology for use in crisis management and incident response.

To produce useable technologies for crisis management, a good understanding is needed of the reality of crisis management, and of the roles and experiences of the people involved. To achieve this, industry needs to work closely with the user community.

This lecture will focus on work being carried out by Thales Research and Technology with the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, highlighting how industry and public sector agencies can work together to develop appropriate technologies.

If you want to know more, come along. All are welcome and no ticket is required. Simply turn up on the night. For more details please contact Dr Richard Mitchell at rimitchell @theiet.org, or 0118 378 6790

**Directions** From Rectory Road (on one-way system – with Waitrose), turn left at lights into Glebelands Road, follow the road bearing right into Milton Road, go straight over the mini roundabout: the Hotel entrance is 200 yards later on the right. See also <a href="http://www.cantleyhotel.co.uk/">http://www.cantleyhotel.co.uk/</a>