

Fire Protection Academy: Safe on Paper, Vulnerable in Practice

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Part of Resilience in Buildings Is Maintained – Or Lost



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Fire safety has to be maintained, trained and practised, not just documented

Anders Sandmæl of Fire Protection Academy AS defined fire safety as preventing fires, limiting their consequences and protecting people, the environment and property. It is ensured through technical systems, passive fire protection and documentation, but these have to be kept up through action: inspections, maintenance, procedures and risk assessments. His third step was to train, practise and build competence in documentation, system operation, fire response, maintenance, and identifying and correcting faults. The slides then showed Kompetansesenter BRANN, with a floor plan of a 95.7 m² room laid out with numbered stations and a photo of a training room fitted with sprinkler pipework. The deck closed with a notice for a one-day fire safety event at Construction City on 29 October 2026, covering battery storage, data centres and solar panels.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Fire safety is ensured through technical systems, passive fire protection and documentation.
- Keeping a building safe takes ongoing inspections, maintenance, procedures and risk assessments.
- People need training in system operation, fire response, maintenance, and identifying and correcting faults.