

# UK Defence Leaders: UK MoD, RAF, British Army and British Government Sign up to Defence Safety Conference

*SMi Group Reports: Strong host nation support confirmed for the Defence Safety Conference, taking place in London, 1-2 October 2018*

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, May 29, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- SMi Group is delighted to announce that the Defence Safety Conference will feature high level briefings from senior leaders of the UK Armed Forces.

## Host Nation Speakers include:

- Sir Simon Bollom, Chief Executive, Defence Equipment and Support, UK MoD
- General Gordon Messenger, Vice Chief of Defence Staff, UK MoD
- Lieutenant General Richard Felton, Director General, Defence Safety Authority, UK MoD
- Air Marshal Stuart Atha, Air Deputy Commander Operations, Royal Air Force
- Lieutenant General Nicholas Pope, Deputy Chief of General Staff, British Army
- Rear Admiral Rick Thompson, Chief Operating Officer, Defence Safety Authority, UK MoD
- the Right Honourable Tobias Ellwood, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and Minister for Defence People and Veterans, British Government

Their exclusive presentations will draw from operational feedback, training, requirements and equipment specifications.

A presentation highlight includes: [‘Aligning Safety as A Force Enabler and Capability Driver’](#)

- Why poor safety and poor risk assurance lead to reduced defence capability
- How training armed forces personnel better will ensure greater safety and mission success
- Looking at how safety will need to change as the future combat environment evolves
- The role industry has to play when ensuring greater defence safety

Presented by: General Sir Gordon Messenger, Vice Chief of Defence Staff, UK MoD

Lieutenant General Richard Felton CBE, Director General, Defence Safety Authority, UK MoD described the event: “I believe this will be the first conference of its type, with a specific focus on Defence Safety. I hope the rationale for the conference will convince you of its value and the opportunity it offers your organisation as a platform to promote and discuss how we can together



The poster for the Defence Safety Conference features the SMi logo at the top right with the tagline 'LINKING BUSINESS with INFORMATION'. The central graphic is a globe composed of various images related to defence and safety. Below the globe, the text reads 'Defence Safety Conference' in a bold, purple font, followed by '1st - 2nd October 2018, Copthorne Tara Hotel, Kensington, London'. At the bottom, it lists 'Gold Sponsors: babcock THALES' and 'Supported by: Defence Safety Authority'. A black banner at the very bottom contains the website 'www.defencesafety.com' and the text 'Defence Safety Conference'.

drive the continuous improvement in safety that we all seek. This SMi conference is being run with the support of the UK's Defence Safety Authority (DSA)."

The two-day event (1-2 October 2018) will [bring together senior leaders from across the UK Armed Forces](#) and its international partners and allies. The speakers have been carefully selected from 10 nations to cover the broad spectrum of safety across Military Aviation, Land and Maritime. The very latest technology innovators will also be present to share their ground-breaking equipment and services with a captive audience all looking to advance their safety programmes.

The full speaker line-up and presentation details have been released and are available to download from: <http://www.defencesafety.com/einpr>

For those looking to attend the Defence Safety conference in London this Autumn, contact Sadia Malick on: +44 (0) 207 827 6748 or email: [smalick@smi-online.co.uk](mailto:smalick@smi-online.co.uk)

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London, United Kingdom

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