

Brian W J Rankin



Society Position : President
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Professional Background

After completing the MSc in Forensic Science at Strathclyde University Brian began his career as an operational forensic chemist as part of the Home Office Forensic Science Service (FSS) Laboratory. For approximately half of his FSS career, he has been an operational forensic scientist investigating crimes against property such as burglary, criminal damage and robbery and suspicious fires. He has also been an authorised analyst for the purposes of the Road Traffic Act.

During the latter years of his FSS career he partook in a variety of roles, including the management of teams of forensic scientists, involvement in high profile projects and involvement in programmes of work internally within the FSS arena and also externally with the Home Office and ACPO (Association of Chief Police Officers). He has also been involved in the training of police officers of all ranks, scenes of crime officers and the legal profession and is an advocate of an integrated system to support the investigation of crime scene to court.

Brian was also involved with the setting up of a forensic science element at Bradford University and this course has gone from strength to strength. In addition he has been an external examiner for some of the crime investigation courses at Teesside University.

In June 2007 Brian left the FSS and joined the University of Teesside as Head of Centre for Forensic Investigation.

FSSoc Background

Brian Rankin has been a member of the FSSoc and employed by the Forensic Science Service (FSS) for over 25 years. During his membership of the FSSoc he has held a number of roles including Vice President, Honorary Secretary and Council member. He has made significant contributions to all roles and sees the future of the Society as 'full of potential'. Brian is particularly interested in contributing to three areas:

1. Follow up action to the recent Select Committee Report 'Forensic Science on Trial'
2. Ground work for a Chartered Forensic Scientist
3. Support for running of the Society HQ in Harrogate.