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## SCOPING OUT FUTURE HYDRANT INNOVATION AVK UK HOST A DELEGATION OF FIRE OFFICERS

AVK UK Ltd were proud to host a delegation of over 25 Fire Officers from various Fire Brigades at our Aqua Gas Manufacturing Ltd factory in Corby, to review and discuss the current range of BS750 underground fire hydrants and scope out future innovation to meet the industry requirements

Peter Gray of Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service, coordinated the attendance from 16 different fire services representing staff from across the organisation; operations through to strategic managers.

AVK who supply 45,000 hydrants into the UK per year, have always worked to include the requirements of the Fire and Rescue Services into their product design and as such have the reputation of leading Fire Hydrant technology and development in the UK and overseas.

Graham Charnley, AVK UK General Sales Manager and Fran Brody, MD AGMC, presented the current range of fire hydrants along with their historical evolution and future innovation delivering a proud history of UK manufacture and development in support of the UK water and fire industry. With AVK being the only UK manufacturer of Kitemarked, BS750 fire hydrants, we were able to demonstrate a deep understanding of the product, application and maintenance requirements along with delivering a high quality unit.

The day included a factory tour to allow the delegates to witness the manufacturing process and the various quality checks carried out on each and every hydrant before it moves to our distribution centre.

Returning to the lecture room, a free flowing discussion was held regarding future development and the success of the AVK hydrant security device with all brigades expressing their satisfaction as to the performance of the product.

The day was also significant as it coincided with the Firefighters Memorial Day, and AVK were honoured to lead a minutes silence at midday.

Following a lunch break the day was concluded with a question and answer session addressing historical issues, future development work that the brigades are currently looking at and ongoing maintenance issues, which give's AVK an insight into features required in future hydrant design.

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