

Alan Forbes, the author of Everyday Heroes

This year Strathclyde Fire Brigade celebrates its 30th birthday and to mark the occasion has published *Everyday Heroes*, the history of its first 30 years.

It features one of the grimmest days in Oban's fire fighting history, the fire that gutted The Esplanade Hotel, Oban, in 1973 in which 10 people died.

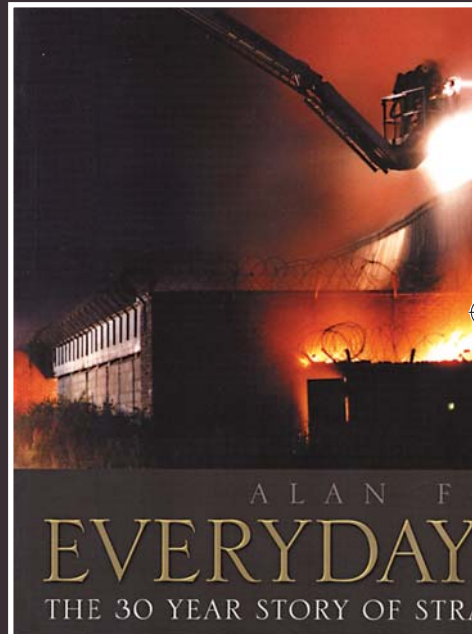
The fire that damaged a large part of Inveraray Castle is also featured, as is the role of the fire crews throughout Argyll.

The job of paying tribute to a remarkable institution and the men and women who have made it so fell to Alan Forbes, the organisation's public affairs manager.

Alan was a newspaper journalist for 20 years, mainly with *The Scotsman* and is also the author of walking guides to the west coast of Scotland.

From the great fire of Glasgow 1652 to the Stockline Disaster via the Clydebank Blitz, the book tells a remarkable story about fire

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fighting in the west of Scotland; including first-hand reminiscences from the men and women at the scene.

When Strathclyde was formed back in the