



# Fire Brigades Union

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### Firefighters Warn Of Technology Chaos

The computer system failure which grounded aircraft across the UK could, if replicated in the fire service, lead to wholly avoidable deaths.

Dean Mills FBU Executive Council member for southern England said “We have seen today the dangers of having a single control room for mobilising and controlling aircraft. If the Government push ahead with its untested, uncosted, and unreliable plans for the fire service we will see fire service control rooms merged and lives put at risk”

Mr Everitt the chief executive of national air traffic services apologised to passengers and said Nats was working with airlines to minimise disruption. He stated “We will now investigate why there was this problem - clearly it was not an anticipated problem”

Mr Mills said “Here we have a multi million pound system which we are told has the latest most expensive technology and yet it keeps failing. When will this Government wake up to the fact that lives will be at great risk if they force local tax payers to stump up the money for their planned fire service control mergers?”

Nick Raynsford the Local Government Minister has consistently said that modern technology was reliable. Mr Mills said today “Nick Raynsford and the Government say technology can be used to replace staff and it is reliable. Clearly Nick Raynsford and the Government are wrong and the responsibility for people dying due to delays in mobilising the fire service will rest with them”

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