



JESIP NEWS

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SPRING FORWARD – FALL BACK

It's that time of year when we have to remember to turn our clocks back but when it comes to JESIP, we can't afford to go backwards. We must keep up the efforts to move things forward and keep embedding JESIP!

To go with your mug of hot chocolate and nights by the fire, this edition brings you updates about specialist doctrine that are being aligned to JESIP and a look over the border at progress with colleagues in the Devolved Administrations.



JESIP WELCOME NEW TEAM MEMBER

JESIP is delighted to be joined by Paul Chadwick, our JOL Co-Ordinator. Paul is seconded to the team from Bedfordshire Police and will lead on all aspects of the JOL workstream.



He has been with Bedfordshire Police since 2014 when he transferred from Thames Valley Police.

He has served in a variety of departments including Response, Neighbourhood, Custody and Public Order.

Welcome Paul!

JOL TOP TIP FOR COMMANDERS

Make sure you understand the process for requesting interoperability talkgroups and know how to use them. Talkgroups can be used at a wide range of incidents types to aid communication. Check the JESIP App for a reminder!

TRAINING UPDATE

To further support organisations embedding JESIP, the central team are engaged in a number of activities following the publication of the JESIP Joint Doctrine Edition Two.

Around training and staff awareness we are developing:

- An all staff awareness e-learning product which will be available in a number of formats including a classroom based version which can be delivered to single service audiences in small groups
- A refresh of the original one day command courses to align them with the Joint Doctrine Edition Two
- A short command refresh product for those services who have not developed something locally

All of these products are in line with JESIP Learning Outcomes Framework which outlines the minimum expectations in terms of what learners should achieve through any JESIP training or awareness session. The framework can be downloaded from the JESIP website and is designed to enable services to embed JESIP learning into other training.

We will keep everyone updated as this work progresses but we aim to have products available by the end of 2016.



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN

Like all areas of the public sector, failure to learn lessons from past events is something that has come up time and time again but, we have a solution.

Last year we launched the last piece of the JESIP puzzle, the national arrangements for Joint Organisational Learning (JOL) including the JOL App which is hosted on ResilienceDirect. We started with a focus on interoperability – specifically issues with use of the JESIP principles and models.

In tandem the Civil Contingencies Secretariat responded to a call from the Local Resilience Forums for a repository of learning that all members could contribute to and learn from - LessonsDirect.

We have managed to learn some important lessons already but we cannot emphasise enough the importance of identifying lessons and logging them. Only if information is shared centrally, can we identify the issues that are occurring and act on them for the benefit of all.

In terms of the JOL APP we have heard what our users have said and we are acting on this too, frequent comments have included:

- Two systems are difficult to work with – why can't there be just one?
- How can I tell when some new learning has been published?
- It's not that easy to find useful information on the app

Like everything – you have to start somewhere and so whilst we are pleased with progress so far, there is an expectation and commitment to make JOL the national standard for multi-agency learning and so that is what we intend to do!

We are now embarking on a joint project to combine the JOL App and LessonsDirect into one easy to use system.

Work has just started with a multi-agency working group and we have circulated a short online survey to gather feedback from the existing network of JOL Single Points of Contact. We will be collating all user feedback building on what we have received already to make sure our new solution does what it needs to for everyone.

As work progresses we will provide updates but we hope to have a new system up and running by mid-2017.

MTFA EXERCISING

Following release of the MTFA Joint Operating Principles (JOPs) Edition Three and the MTFA workshops held in the spring, work on a table-top package is now complete.

For services with an MTFA capability, this package provides an opportunity to lead an MTFA based table top exercise with the flexibility to localise the scenario and risks in a classroom environment. To help broaden awareness about MTFA capabilities, we would encourage the involvement of local and regional partners.

For those services without an MTFA capability, taking part in one of these exercises provides an opportunity to increase awareness about the response to an MTFA incident and implications on partner agencies.

Using this package will provide commanders taking part with the ability to apply the changes that have been introduced in the JOPs Edition Three.

To support delivery of this package locally, some funding is available directly from the Home Office. All details about the package and funding options have been shared with services with an MTFA capability. Any queries about the package should be directed to Brian Welsh the MTFA National Co-ordinator via the JESIP email (contact@jesip.org.uk).

PROGRESS WITH JESIP IN SCOTLAND

JESIP continues to liaise with teams in Scotland who are preparing to start JESIP training soon. In 2016 Police Scotland along with the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and Scottish Ambulance Service agreed to embed JESIP in all training.

They have recognised the changes this requires in terms of multi-agency plans and procedures and so JESIP will be incorporated into scheduled reviews of their plans.

As a precursor to this, METHANE has been adopted across the tri-services and is in the process of being implemented, replacing SAD CHALETS as the current First Officer at Scene method of establishing Shared Situational Awareness.

With the benefit of learning from progress in England; Scotland have incorporated JESIP Principles into a broader tri-service and British Transport Police "command" training course which covers other aspects of command and reflects local Governance arrangements. We look forward to observing their new course as it goes live and will keep readers updated.

RESPONDING TO A CBRN(E) EVENT: JOINT OPERATING PRINCIPLES FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES, FIRST EDITION

We are delighted to have worked with the CBRN Centre to ensure the first edition of the CBRN(e) Joint Operating Principles are aligned to JESIP.

The new JOPs provide guidance for the emergency services in how to plan,

prepare and work together to respond to CBRN(e) incidents effectively. The JOPs focus on three main components:

- Initial Operational Response (IOR);
- The transition, and;
- Specialist Operational Response (SOR).

They have now been circulated to the network of lead officers for CBRN across the emergency services and are available via ResilienceDirect. You can also read the full story via our [news page](#).



JESIP LANDS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

The JESIP team were delighted to be invited to Northern Ireland recently to provide an update on all things JESIP along with observing one of their initial multi-agency JESIP command courses. We were hosted by Police Service Northern Ireland who organised for colleagues from the relevant Government Departments, emergency services including the HM Coastguard and other local partners to attend.

The one day tactical course was well attended and whilst based around the original JESIP model for command training, has been adapted to reflect the differing Governance structures in Northern Ireland.



It was good to see guest presenters involved on the day providing an insight for delegates into the operations of other functions that can be involved in a multi-agency response. This included both the HM Coastguard looking at their national model for operations and deployment along with input from Border Force about their operations in Northern Ireland.

An excellent day where delegates contributed well and gained a lot.

Thanks for inviting us and good luck with your future training.

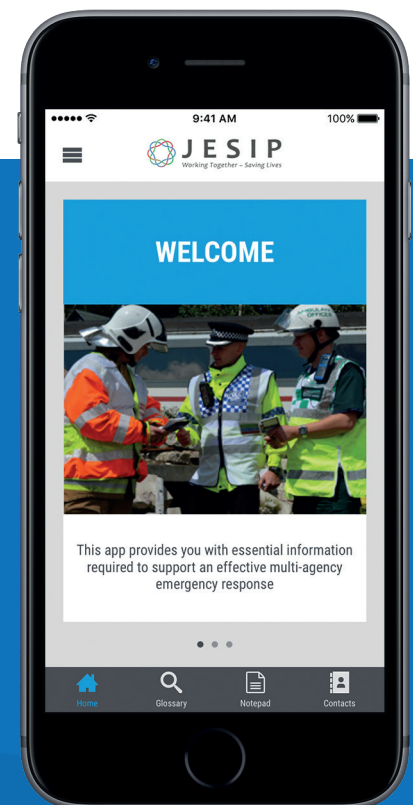
JESIP APP UPDATE

The JESIP App has been a real hit – we thank everyone for all the great comments we have had about it. For those not able to download it yet – good news – Version 2.0 is coming soon.

The revised app will incorporate some changes in light of the Joint Doctrine Edition Two, it will resolve some of the bugs reported on the Android version but more importantly will be available on a much wider range of devices and operating systems including Windows phones.

In addition we are talking to the team leading on the new Emergency Services Network (ESN) to ensure it can become an accredited App when the new ESN goes live.

We are working hard to get the App available during November 2016 so look out for launch news soon!





THE WELSH EVOLUTION OF TRAINING FOR TCG PARTICIPANTS

At our recent engagement event, we heard about a new training course that has been developed in West Wales - **Emergency Management & Response at the Tactical Co-ordinating Group**. This is an excellent example of embedding JESIP and we are delighted to share the background with readers.

Who developed the course and who is it aimed at?

The course was developed by Dyfed Powys LRF in response to recurring recommendations from exercises and incidents in respect of Tactical Co-ordinating Group (TCG) competency.

The course aims to ensure officers from category 1 and 2 agencies have received the necessary training to perform their expected roles competently and confidently during an emergency. Blue light agencies in Dyfed-Powys have integrated the course into mandatory training for tactical level commanders.

How much has JESIP influenced the course?

The course was built around JESIP and aims to encourage the use of the JDM as the basis for evidence based decision making at the tactical level and to raise awareness of the JESIP Joint Doctrine amongst our local non-blue light agencies.

The training day is a mix of theory and an exercise delivered by a multi-agency team from the category 1 agencies. The whole day reinforces the multi-agency partnership working of a TCG.

The theory session is based on JESIP and is comprehensive and interactive. It also integrates lessons learnt and best practices and mixes learning mediums. It takes delegates through the whole process of chairing and participating in a TCG. It examines each step of joint decision making utilising the JDM from a tactical point of view through a series of activities, videos and presentations.

The exercise session is a Hydra based exercise which allows delegates to apply what they have learnt in the morning to a scenario in a safe learning environment. The delegates are split into two groups and they have the opportunity to reflect on and compare actions & decisions made during plenary sessions. During the plenaries, facilitators provide feedback to delegates on key indicators which include implementation & use of JESIP and associated models including the JDM.

The delegates also leave the course with a handbook which explains in details the activation process and chairing/ membership of TCG as well as each step of the JDM and how it applies to a TCG environment. The handbook was revised to take account of changes to the JESIP Joint Doctrine published in July 2016.

What has the response from delegates been?

Feedback has been good with the multi-agency delivery method noted as particularly beneficial and adding value to the course as well as the opportunity to apply the principles learnt in the morning during the exercise.

Here is some of the feedback from delegates:

“Excellent course”

“Very useful and beneficial”

“Very good worthwhile course to reinforce importance of multi-agency response taking account of JESIP Principles”

“Very well run course”; supportive atmosphere for learning
Better than expected”

What are the future plans for the course?

The LRF has adopted the training and a minimum of two courses will be held each year with the next planned for early 2017. Accreditation of the course is also being actively explored.

Members of the South Wales LRF have observed the course with a view to adopt and run the same package in their area but adapted slightly to fit their area’s response arrangements.

For those wanting to know more, you can contact Pauline Louchart - the Emergency Planning Officer for Pembrokeshire County Council pauline.louchart@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

We thank Dyfed Powys LRF for allowing us access to the course information and photos.

COMING TO A SERVICE NEAR YOU

The JESIP team will be visiting services in 2017 to see for themselves how well embedding JESIP is going. We will be in touch with JESIP leads soon!