

Emergency Responder Organisations

Roles, Responsibilities and Capabilities



Common Objectives for Emergency Responder Organisations

- Priority 1 To save life and reduce harm
- **Priority 2** Mitigate/minimise the impact of the incident
- **Priority 3** Support a return to a new normality

In order to deliver these, emergency responder organisations should use the JESIP models and principles.

Roles and Responsibilities - Police



- Protect life and property
- Co-ordinate the multi-agency response in the absence of alternative co-ordination arrangements being agreed
- Protect and preserve the scene and investigate the incident
- Prevent crime and disorder
- Collate and disseminate casualty information

Roles and Responsibilities - Fire



- Save Life
- Protect Property
- Protect the Environment
- Provide assistance in support of local communities
- Render humanitarian aid

Roles and Responsibilities - Ambulance



- Save Life and prevent further suffering
- Facilitate Patient Triage
- Provide casualty treatment and transport to the most appropriate facility
- Co-ordinate all health resources supporting the incident

Roles and Responsibilities – HM Coastguard



- Save Life
- Coordinate civil SAR in the UK Search and Rescue Region
- Coordinate the UK SAR Helicopter capability
- Protect the maritime environment
- Promote safety and security

Roles and Responsibilities – Local Authority



- Political engagement
- Support Community Resilience
- Community cohesion/engagement
- Promoting Business continuity/supporting business



Roles and Responsibilities – Accident Investigation Branches (AIB)



- Investigate the circumstances and causes of air, marine and rail accidents
- Make recommendations to prevent a reoccurrence
- It is not the purpose of an AIB investigation to apportion blame or liability.

Roles and Responsibilities – National Highways



- Make the strategic network safe save life and prevent harm
- Support lead agencies at multi-response incidents on the strategic road network
- Lead the resolution of non injury incidents on the strategic road network to keep traffic moving
- Provide traffic management at both inner and outer cordons
- Collaborate with emergency services to ensure effective scene clearance
- Efficiently restore the strategic road network capacity through incident management
- Keep road users moving safely through helpful, accurate and timely information
- Protect the environment

Service Capabilities – Police (Home Office Forces)

Specific capabilities that the Police Service can provide include the following:

- Community Policing
- Investigative response
- Intelligence development
- Roads Policing Officers
- Mounted Officers
- Dog Units
- Public order teams
- Hostage and Crisis Negotiators
- Firearms units

- Covert investigations and Surveillance
- Crime Scene Investigation (Forensics)
- Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear response teams (CBRN)
- Air Support (provided by National Police Air Service
 NPAS)
- Underwater Search
- Disaster Victim Identification
- Counter Terrorism Network

Service Capabilities – Police (British Transport Police)

Specific capabilities that the British Transport Police can provide

include the following:

- Community Policing
- Investigative response
- Intelligence development
- Dog Units
- Public order teams
- Hostage and Crisis Negotiators
- Firearms units
- Covert investigations and Surveillance
- Crime Scene Investigation (Forensics)

- Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear response teams (CBRN)
- Air Support (provided by National Police Air Service NPAS)
- Disaster Victim Identification
- Counter Terrorism
- Specialist search on the railways
- National Interagency Liaison officers (NILO)
- Civil protection unit, network incident response unit(Joint collaboration) London only
- Incident response outside London (BTP, Railway Incident Officer (RIO))
- Specialist response unit (Advanced assessment of unattended packages and CBRN)
- Protester removal/working at heights
- Behavioural Detection Officers (BDO)

Service Capabilities – Fire and Rescue Services

Specific capabilities that the Fire and Rescue Service can provide include the following:

- Fire-fighting
- Road Traffic Collisions
- Rescues from height and depth
- Water Rescue
- Environmental Protection (1st Response)
- Hazardous Material Incidents
- Canine Search (Live Bodies)
- Aerial Ladder Appliances
- Respond to terrorist and high threat incidents
- National Inter Agency Liaison Officer (NILO)
- National Resilience Capabilities:
- Detection, Identification & Monitoring
- Mass Decontamination of Public and Emergency Responders
- Urban Search and Rescue
- High Volume Pumps

Service Capabilities - Ambulance

Specific capabilities that the Ambulance Service can provide include the following:

- Double crewed ambulances and solo responder vehicles (Cars, Motorbikes and Pedal Cycles)
- Advanced and specialist Pre hospital health care professionals including Paramedics, emergency medical technicians, doctors and nurses.
- Air Ambulance (HEMS) and prehospital critical care teams including specialist doctors.
- Hazardous Area Response Teams:
 - · Working at Height,
 - · Confined Space,
 - · Water Rescue,
 - HazMat/CBRN,
 - High Consequence Infectious Disease (HCID),
 - Unstable Terrain,
 - Support to Security Operations (SSO)

- Special Operations Response Team (SORT):
- CBRN Decontamination
- Marauding Terrorist Attack (ballistic warm zone operations)
- Clinical Decontamination
- Mass Casualty Capability
- Casualty distribution and transfers to specialist care / major trauma centres etc
- Casualty Logging / Mapping
- National Inter-agency Liaison Officers (NILO) and Tactical Advisors
- Communications Advisors (currently AIRWAVE)
- Radiation Protection Supervisors/Advisors
- Community Responders

Service Capabilities – HM Coastguard

Specific capabilities that HM Coastguard can provide include the following:

- Coordination of maritime assets, both declared and civil / commercial
- Rope Rescue on sea cliffs
- Technical Rescue from shoreline sea defence void spaces
- Soft Ground Rescue
- Water Rescue at Shoreline and inland flooding
- Missing Person Search
- Casualty Care
- SAR Helicopter and fixed wing search, surveillance and rescue capability
- UK-wide communications between land, maritime and aeronautical assets
- Specialist maritime knowledge and intelligence
- National Inter Agency Liaison Officers (NILOs)
- 4x4 vehicles, including Argo cats

Service Capabilities – Local Authority

Specific capabilities that HM Coastguard can provide include the following:

- Supporting the emergency response
- Effective command and control of local authority resources
- Support multi-agency response structures
- Internal business continuity arrangements
- Warning and informing, media management
- Provision of emergency mortuaries
- Provision of body storage facilities
- Supporting displaced people
- Evacuation and shelter
- Reception centres
- reception centres for evacuees
- survivor reception centres
- family and friends reception centres
- Longer term temporary and permanent re-housing

- Providing humanitarian assistance
- Leading and coordinating the humanitarian response in partnership with the NHS (e.g. PTSD)
- Telephone support lines
- Web based advice
- Humanitarian assistance centres
- Appeal fund arrangements
- Leading the recovery process
- Site clearance and waste management
- Recovery planning
- business and economic
- health and welfare
- environment and infrastructure
- communities

Service Capabilities – Accident Investigation branches (AIB)

Specific capabilities that Accident Investigation Branches have include the following:

- Accident site safety management
- Domain specific H&S expertise
- Casualty mapping investigation
- Trained to work with DVI for mass casualty and CT
- Evidence preservation
- Accident site mapping using drone imagery and 3D analysis
- Electronic evidence recovery
- Image and Data Recorder laboratories
- Human factors
- Working with bereaved families
- Intelligence development and safety recommendation management

Service Capabilities – National Highways

- Traffic Management stopping and directing traffic
- Directing and diverting traffic and pedestrians
- Placing and operating temporary and permanent traffic signs and signals
- Managing calls from the emergency roadside telephone network
- Removing, storing and disposal of abandoned vehicles
- Clearing debris, animals and found property from the network
- Event planning to minimise network disruption
- Monitoring and acting on environmental impacts