



Joint Doctrine Supporting Document

Strategic Command Role & Responsibilities

Role

The overarching aim of the strategic commander is to protect life, property and the environment by setting the policy, strategy and the overall response framework for the incident and for both the tactical and operational command levels to act on and implement.

Strategic commanders should jointly agree the response strategy with representatives from relevant responder agencies at a strategic co-ordinating group (SCG) meeting.

Responsibilities

- a) Protect life, property and the environment.
- b) Set, review, communicate and update the strategy, based on available intelligence on threat and risk.
- c) Attend and possibly chair a Strategic Co-ordinating Group (SCG) meeting, if a group is established, or consider requesting that a SCG is set up.
- d) Consult partner agencies and community groups when determining the strategy.
- e) Consider setting tactical parameters within which the tactical level can work.
- f) Become involved in briefings where appropriate.
- g) Remain available to other agencies' strategic or tactical tiers of command, to ensure that appropriate communication mechanisms exist at a local and national level.
- h) Ensure, where appropriate, that command protocols are set, agreed and understood by all relevant parties.
- i) Where appropriate, secure strategic resources in order to resolve the incident and prioritise the allocation of resources.
- j) Ensure that there are clear lines of communication between all responder agencies.
- k) Review and ensure the resilience and effectiveness of the command team, identify requirements for assistance from the wider resilience community and manage them accordingly.
- l) Plan beyond the immediate response phase for recovery from the emergency and returning to a new normality.
- m) Have overall responsibility within the command structure for health and safety, diversity, environmental protection, equality and human rights compliance, and ensuring that relevant impact assessments are completed.
- n) Identify the level of support needed to resolve the incident or operation and resource the agency's response.
- o) The development of communication and media strategies.
- p) Consider any issues that have negatively affected interoperability and ensure they are noted in any debrief reports for submission to [Joint Organisational Learning](#).

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