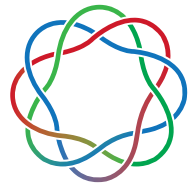


Strategic command role and responsibilities



Role

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

Strategic commanders should jointly agree the response strategy with representatives from relevant responder organisations at a Strategic Co-ordinating Group (SCG) meeting.

Responsibilities

- a.** People who have a strategic command role have a responsibility to ensure they are personally prepared to carry out their role; this includes keeping up to date with the policies and processes that are used for major incidents and knowledge of their organisations statutory responsibilities
- b.** Protect life, property and the environment
- c.** Set, review, communicate and update the strategy, based on available information and intelligence on threat and risk
- d.** Attend the SCG meeting if a group is established, or consider requesting that a SCG is set up
- e.** Ensure that there are clear lines of communication between all responder organisations
- f.** Remain available to other agencies' strategic or tactical tiers of command, to ensure that appropriate communication mechanisms exist at a local, regional and national level
- g.** Ensure, where appropriate, that command protocols are set, agreed and understood by all relevant parties and consider setting parameters within which the tactical level can work
- h.** Identify the level of support needed to resolve the incident and where appropriate, secure strategic resources in order to resolve the incident and prioritise the allocation of these
- i.** Review and ensure the resilience and effectiveness of the command team, identify requirements for assistance from the wider resilience community and manage them accordingly
- j.** Plan beyond the immediate response phase for recovery from the emergency and returning to a new normality
- k.** 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
- l.** Develop communication and media strategies that provide a coherent and joined up message
- m.** Consider any issues that have affected interoperability and ensure they are noted in any debrief reports and shared using Joint Organisational Learning (JOL) Online

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