

Exercise Naval Awareness Day 25 June 2008

Venue: Conference Hall, Manchester Town Hall

The aim of the Exercise Naval awareness day was to present exercise players (and other senior managers) with an insight into the complexities of a major CBRN incident to enable them to consider in advance some of the key issues they may be faced with.

To achieve this aim a number of short presentations were given from which attendees could consider implications for their agency and how these might be addressed.

The format for the presentations and their objectives was as follows:

Presentation	Objective
Counter Terrorist Unit (CTU) – Threat levels	Understand the current threat level to the UK from CBRN terrorism
CBRN Response	Understand the command and control structure of CBRN Response and link with central government
Scientific and Technical Advice Cell (STAC) Protocols	Understand the role and function of a STAC and the linkage with the Strategic Co-ordinating Group (SCG)
Questions	
Recovery Plan	Awareness and overview of the function and remit of a Recovery Coordinating Group
Mass Fatalities and Recovery, Identification and Decontamination (RID) of contaminated fatalities	Understanding of the fundamentals of the GM Mass Fatalities plan and conflict with the RID process
Impacts/case study of an actual CBRN event (Polonium 210 incident)	Awareness of the wide range of impacts following an actual CBRN event
Exercise format	Overview of the structure and delivery of the exercise
Questions	

The timetable for the day was as follows:

13.00 - Introduction and context
13.15 - CTU threat levels
13.25 - CBRN Response
13.45 -STAC
14.00 – Questions
14.15 – 14.30 Comfort break

14.30 – Recovery Plan
14.50 – Mass Fatalities and RID

15.10 – Impacts/case study of Polonium 210 incident
15.30 – Exercise format overview
15.45 – Questions
16.00 – Close

This was the second awareness session to be held in preparation for the exercise. Lessons learnt from comments received from the first session were implemented into the preparation and execution of this event.

Exercise Naval – Local Authority Flyer

TO ALL CORPORATE DIRECTORS AND SERVICE DIRECTORS

This is an invitation to take part in a half day “Gold” training event, along with other AGMA peers, on either 28th May or 25th June, in advance of the Greater Manchester strategic exercise “Naval” on July 17th.

Background:

The Greater Manchester Resilience Forum has commissioned a strategic level exercise to test the Greater Manchester Multi-Agency CBRN Plan (Chemical Biological Radiation Nuclear Response Plan).

This plan has been written to address the National Planning Assumptions 2007/8 and in particular the threat of a terrorist attack in a city centre context, based on what is commonly referred to as a “dirty bomb”

Stockport is a senior local authority partner in respect of CBRN planning and have been contributing to this important UK resilience work-stream over the last 12 months.

Based on the risk of a CBRN incident occurring in the county, Manchester, Trafford, Salford, Bolton and Stockport are being asked to take part in the exercise.

The exercise is aimed at chief officers, corporate and service directors and each local authority has been allocated two places at the training event (possibly more, depending on uptake from other agencies).

I would be grateful if you would consider taking the opportunity to participate in this training and your Resilience Manager will work with any delegates to ensure they are fully briefed prior to attending the event.

You are welcome to view the CBRN Response Plan but please be aware it is a “Restricted” document.

Training Days

28th May 2008

9.30 for a 10.00 a.m. start

To finish at 1.00 p.m. following which lunch will be served.

Venue: Fire Service training centre, Thompson Street, Manchester

25th June 2008

12 noon lunch with a 1 p.m. start

To finish at 4 p.m.

Venue: Committee Room 1, Manchester Town Hall

Exercise Naval – Local Authority Aims and Objectives

Aim

To demonstrate a strategic local authority collaborative response to a declared CBRN major incident.

Objectives

- To test the Local Authorities' ability to *respond* effectively to a CBRN incident using the Joint Response Plan
- To test the Local Authorities' ability to lead the multi agency *recovery* process and access mutual aid through the use of the Greater Manchester Strategic Recovery Guidance
- To highlight any areas where *further plan development* may be required

Exercise Naval: Multi-Agency Objectives

- To test the Greater Manchester 'Gold' infrastructure and its effectiveness in responding to a simulated major terrorist incident.
- Confirm that the Greater Manchester Multi-Agency CBRN Response Plan complements individual agencies (agency-specific) plans for a CBRN incident including the initial recovery phase.
- Confirm that the lines of communication between various agencies are workable.
- Test the interaction between the Strategic Co-coordinating Group (SCG) and the recently established Scientific and Technical Advisory Cell (STAC).
- Test the media response including the conducting of a realistic press conference.

13 March 2008

Exercise Naval Joining Instructions

Dear Exercise Naval Player,

The Greater Manchester Resilience Forum (GMRF) invite you to take part in a multi-agency exercise (Naval) which will take place on 17th July 2008 at the GMP Training Centre, Sedgley Park. The aim of the exercise is to provide you with an opportunity to explore strategic command issues during a CBRN incident

Exercise Naval will take place in the Hydra Minerva facility located within the Sir David Wilmot Suite at Sedgley Park. The exercise will be a full day event running from 08.00 to approximately 18.00. The format for the exercise will involve the establishment of three separate Strategic Co-ordinating Groups (SCGs), one Recovery Co-ordinating Group and one Scientific and Technical Advice Cell (STAC). The reasoning for establishing three separate SCGs are:

- To make efficient use of the exercise by offering the opportunity to take part to as many multi-agency partners as possible
- Promote debate during the plenary sessions to identify any best practice and/or learning outcomes

The Recovery Co-ordinating Group will work through the specific recovery issues on behalf of the SCGs and report progress during the structured plenary sessions. The STAC will offer scientific or technical advice to all syndicates throughout the exercise.

You have been allocated a position in an SCG and are requested to be in attendance at Sedgely Park for 08.00

Please note that members of the Recovery Co-ordinating Group will only be required to attend the exercise for 11.00. The purpose of this is to inject a sense of realism into the exercise as this will follow the approximate timeframe for the establishment of the group in a real incident.

The proposed timetable for the day is as follows:

08.00 – 09.00 attendance by participants allocated to a SCG and the STAC for initial introduction and briefing.

09.00 – 13.00 **Exercise**

13.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 18.00 **Exercise & Debrief**

Refreshments will be available for participants throughout the day.

Ideally you should familiarise yourself with any documentation connected to your role and responsibilities within the SCG for a CBRN type incident which

you are free to bring with you on the day. On the day of the exercise hard copies of the following generic documentation will be available in each syndicate room:

- GMRF Multi-agency CBRN Response Plan
- GM Strategic Recovery Guidance
- GM Media Plan

A significant amount of planning and preparation has gone into the development of this exercise but success is totally dependant on your full and active participation. GMRF hope that you find the event a worthwhile learning experience.

A copy of the exercise aims and objectives are included with this letter.

If you have any queries please contact the appropriate member of the exercise planning team representing your agency.

Yours Sincerely