

Strategic Course : Case Study



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"I am a Police Sergeant working at the MOD Police Headquarters - the MOD's primary policing agency. We Provide High profile counter-terrorist disruptive patrolling and armed policing at many of the UK's more important MOD Establishments and CNI sites. Due to our very bespoke policing roles – we sit outside of the CCA to give us flexibility in our response to any emergency. I work as part of a small team planning counter terrorist and business continuity exercises.

I have attended the EPC on several occasions, building a portfolio of knowledge to underpin our ability to test and exercise our Agency and its

multi-agency approach across the operational, tactical and strategic levels. We particularly focus on command and control, interoperability, business continuity and emergency preparedness. I have attended foundation level civil protection courses, the business continuity training events, 'Working with the News Media in Emergencies', emergency management courses, and more recently 'Strategic Decision-Making in Emergencies'.

Nothing will prepare a police officer (or any responder) to be effective as much as operational experience. That said, the courses delivered by the Emergency Planning College are excellent and offer the opportunity for police officers and partner agencies to expand their knowledge and increase their confidence when operating as part of a multi-agency response. Having experience of how other key stakeholders at an incident may be thinking is a powerful asset.

The learning gained at the Emergency Planning College is invaluable to our role. It has been a real benefit to keeping our Agency match-fit. "