New Dimension Enhanced Command Support Capability
Interim Operating Procedure

Issued by:
Bethan MacDonald
New Dimension Policy Advisor
Communities and Local Government
Ashdown House
123 Victoria Street
London SW1E 6DE

Addressed to:
The Chair of the Fire and Rescue Authority
The Chief Executive of the County Council
The Clerk to the Fire and Rescue Authority
The Clerk to the Combined Fire and Rescue Authority
The Commissioner of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority
The Chief Fire Officer

Summary
This circular contains the national guidance on the operating procedures for the interim enhanced command support capability.

For further information, contact:
Bethan MacDonald
New Dimension Policy Advisor
Communities and Local Government
Ashdown House
123 Victoria Street
London SW1E 6DE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Position</th>
<th>Contact Information</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bethan MacDonald</td>
<td>New Dimension Policy Advisor</td>
<td>Direct line 020 7944 8166, Fax 020 7944 8319, E-mail <a href="mailto:bethan.macdonald@communities.gsi.gov.uk">bethan.macdonald@communities.gsi.gov.uk</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Website www.communities.gov.uk
1.0 Background

1.1 The New Dimension Programme, as a collaboration between Communities and Local Government (CLG) and the Fire and Rescue Service (FRS), has invested over £300m in enhancing the ability of the FRS to respond to major disruptive events, whatever their cause, involving chemicals, biological radiological and nuclear (CBRN) materials, collapsed or unstable structures, and to displace large volumes of water.

1.2 The final operational capability to be put in place is the enhanced command support (ECS) capability, which will be able to provide support to an incident commander during a serious emergency. National guidance has been drawn up outlining the operating procedures for the interim ECS capability. This will remain in place until the ECS capability is fully operational, expected by the end of this year.

2.0 ECS Interim Operating Procedure

2.1 The national guidance for the ECS interim operating procedure is published at [http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/fire/commandsupportcapability](http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/fire/commandsupportcapability)

2.2 As with all other New Dimension mobilisations, requests for assistance should be made to the Fire and Rescue Service National Co-ordination Centre (FRSNCC), which can be contacted as follows:

- FRSNCC Primary Contact number: 01274 684 914
- FRSNCC Secondary Contact number: 01274 713 310
- FRSNCC fax number: 01274 680 119
- FRSNCC email address: frsncc@westyorkshirefire.gov.uk

Bethan MacDonald

New Dimension Policy