

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY EMERGENCY PLANNING UNIT Committee Report

Meeting: CIVIL CONTINGENCIES COMMITTEE: 15 MARCH 2010

Subject: NORTHUMBRIA LRF EXERCISE CALENDAR 2010

Report of the Chief Emergency Planning Officer

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The purpose of this report is to inform members of the annual Northumbria Local Resilience Forum (LRF) Multi Agency Exercise Calendar, the scheduled events in 2010; and to inform Members of process involved in its development.

2. PROCESS

- 2.1. The Northumbria LRF delegates the co-ordination of multi-agency exercising and training to the Northumbria LRF Exercise and Training Group (E&TG) which is currently chaired by the Tyne and Wear Emergency Planning Unit.
- 2.2. Membership of the group consists of:
 - Tyne & Wear EPU (representing T&W Local Authorities)
 - North and South of Tyne Primary Care Trusts
 - North East Ambulance Service
 - Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
 - Northumberland Emergency Planning Department (representing Northumberland Council and the Fire and Rescue Service)
 - Health Protection Agency
 - Environment Agency
 - Government Office North East
 - Northumbria Police.

2.3. The role of the E&TG is:

- to consider multi-agency exercise or training event requests from Northumbria LRF, Regional and National resilience partner agencies
- allocate slots within the exercise calendar and ensure no clash of events
- provide appropriate representation from partner agencies to attend each exercise or training event.

- 2.4. The group reviews each request and allocates an appropriate date, it is then the responsibility of the Lead Agency for the scheduled exercise to manage, and plan for the exercise. This is normally facilitated via the formation of an exercise planning group specific to the event.
- 2.5. The Northumbria Exercise Calendar is then circulated throughout the LRF and to the Regional Resilience Team. It is also placed onto the Tyne and Wear Emergency Planning Unit website.
- 2.6. Requests for multi-agency exercise or training events within the calendar year can be made to the LRF E&TG via the Chair. Single agency exercise and training remains the responsibility of the agency holding the event.

3. LRF EXERCISE CALENDAR 2010

3.1. Annex 1 to this report contains the current version of the Northumbria Exercise Calendar 2010 which was received and endorsed by the LRF at its meeting on 21st January 2010 together with the Groups updated Terms of Reference and Policy. Further editions will be published through the year in response to any necessary alterations.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Members are requested to note this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

See attached Annex.

Annex 1

Date	Time	Exercise/Type	Lead Agency	Venue	Comments
Wed 27 February 2008	0930 - 1500	Norland 71Tabletop	Norland Planning Team / Sunderland City Council	ТВА	Multi agency response to and recovery from a localised flooding incident
Wed 19 March 2008	0900 - 1600	COMAH exercise Tabletop	Tyne & Wear EPU / International Paints	ТВА	Multi agency response to and recovery from a localised flooding incident
Mon 25 February 2008	0930 – 1500	Voluntary Awareness Event	Tyne & Wear EPU	GO-NE, Newcastle	Presentations by Voluntary Agencies
					Information only
27/28 March 2008	0900 – 1700		Northumbria Police	TBA	Day 1 – Police
					Day 2 - Multi agency
					Response to a terrorist attack at Newcastle International Airport
10 May 2008	TBC	Boat Race	TBC	River Tyne	Annual event held on River Tyne organised by Gateshead Council
					Information only
Wed 14 May 2008	0930 - 1500	Norland 72 Tabletop	Norland Planning Team / South Tyneside Council	ТВА	Multi agency response to and recovery from a localised flooding incident

Wed 11 June 2008	0930 - 1500	Norland Northumberland 03 Tabletop	Norland Planning Team / Berwick Council	ТВА	Multi agency response to and recovery from a localised flooding incident
Fri 27 June 2008	0900 – 1700	Humanitarian Assistance Centre (HAC) Exercise	HAC Sub Group	TBA	Scenario / participants to be confirmed
Wed 2 July 2008	0930 - 1500	Norland 73 Tabletop	Norland Planning Team / North Tyneside Council	Wallsend Town Hall	Multi agency response to and recovery from a localised flooding incident
Fri 4 July 2008	0900 - 1600	Great North Run exercise Tabletop	Nova International	TBA	Scenario to be determined but will involve a multi agency response
Wed 10 September 2008	0930 - 1500	Norland 74 Tabletop	Norland Planning Team / Gateshead Council	TBA	Multi agency response to and recovery from a localised flooding incident
Thurs 18 September 2008	0900 – 1700	UK Ops Study Day	Military	TBA	Annual military study day Information only
Wed 24 September 2008	0900 - 1600	COMAH exercise Tabletop	Tyne & Wear EPU / Shasun Pharma	Shasun Pharma, Dudley	Multi agency exercise to validate offsite COMAH plans
4 October 2008	TBC	Junior Great North Run	Nova International	Gateshead	Annual event held in Gateshead Information only

5 October 2008	TBC	Great North Run	Nova International	Newcastle – South Shields	Annual half marathon between Newcastle and South Shields
					Information only
Wed 15 October 2008	0900 - 1700	COMAH exercise Live	Northumberland EPD / Campact	Campact, Hexham	Multi agency exercise to validate offsite COMAH plans
Fri 17 October 2008	TBC	Merlin Aware	Military	TBC	Annual military study day Information only
Wed 22 October 2008	0930 - 1500	Norland 75 Tabletop	Norland Planning Team / Newcastle City Council	TBA	Multi agency response to and recovery from a localised flooding incident
November 2008 (tbc)	0900 – 1600	Airport exercise Tabletop	Newcastle International Airport Limited		Annual multi agency exercise. Scenario to be determined
Wed 3 December 2008	0930 - 1500	Norland Northumberland 04 Tabletop	Norland Planning Team / Wansbeck District Council	ТВА	Multi agency response to and recovery from a localised flooding inciden