



# EXERCISE UNIFIED RESPONSE

## Core Team



### **Peter Cowup**

#### **Exercise Director and Project Sponsor**

Peter joined the Brigade in 1982 and is an Assistant Commissioner with responsibility for operational policy. His core role is to lead the department responsible for LFB's operational policy regarding firefighting, rescue, hazardous materials, respiratory protective equipment and incident communications.

During his career, Peter has attended and taken command roles at a wide range of significant operational incidents including at Kings Cross station during the 7/7 bombings and at the cable tunnel fire on Kingsway in Holborn, where he was the Gold fire commander.

Peter is the Exercise Director and Project Sponsor for Exercise Unified Response and he has overall responsibility for the effective planning, conduct and evaluation of the exercise and associated events.



### **Matthew Hogan**

#### **Command Post Exercise lead**

Matthew joined London Resilience Team in 2011 after 6 years working in emergency planning in the NHS.

In 2012, Matthew was seconded to London Olympic Resilience Manager, responsible for providing Government with assurance that partner agencies in London had arrangements in place to mitigate and respond to the wide range of risks during the Olympic period.

As the workstream lead for the Command Post Exercise Matthew is responsible for developing a challenging and realistic scenario for over 170 emergency responder organisations in London, which will explore the management of wider consequences such as people displaced from their homes and workplaces, disruption to essential services like electricity and sustained impact on the NHS



### **John Hetherington**

#### **Observer Programme lead**

John joined London Fire Brigade in 2010 as Deputy Head of Emergency Planning. Since then he has been involved in all of London's major resilience exercises including the Olympic Games, either as a participant or part of the development team.

John is responsible for supporting local authority emergency planning within London's 33 boroughs and local multi agency resilience planning across London. He has responded in support of local authorities to all Major Incidents in London since 2010 and led the support to the Recovery Chair after the public disorder in 2011.

Leading on the observer programme for Exercise Unified Response, John will be drawing on his experience from earlier careers in the military and at an events company.





## **Ben White**

### **Project Manager**

Ben has worked in emergency planning and civil protection for 10 years and has been responsible for delivering pan London command post exercises for all London's 33 local authorities.

Whilst seconded to the LGA, Ben brought together local authorities in England and Wales to ensure there was a common standard and approach to exercising ahead of the 2012 Olympics. He later joined the London Resilience Team at the Greater London Authority with responsibility for training and exercising across the London Resilience Partnership.

Ben is EUR project manager responsible for ensuring the project achieves its objectives within the specified constraints of time, cost and quality. He will monitor resource usage and risks as the project progresses.



## **David O'Neill**

### **Host Nation Support lead**

David O'Neill joined London Fire Brigade in 1993 and is a Group Manager working in operational policy. As head of the Hazardous Materials and Environmental Protection (HMEP) and Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE) Policy he is responsible for teams developing operational tactics and policy.

A National Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Advisor, UK- International Search and Rescue team coordinator and EU Civil Protection Coordination expert, David has attended disasters, major incidents and exercises around the world.

Lead officer for the Host Nation Support workstream, David is responsible for the reception, integration and departure of the exercise's international assistance teams. He is working with government departments to refine existing UK standard operating procedures for Host Nation Support.



## **Katie Devereux**

### **Project Co-ordinator**

Prior to working at London Fire Brigade Katie worked in the City, before leaving to complete a degree in Law and Criminology.

On joining the Brigade, Katie worked as a project co-ordinator on the Olympics where she ensured all workstreams were planned and delivered in line with other agencies, including LOCOG and the Olympic Delivery Authority.

Since the Olympics Katie has worked in Operational Resilience as an operational resilience planning manager. She is a project co-ordinator on EUR and provides support to the project manager in the planning and delivery of the project. This includes reporting into the Authority reporting systems on a monthly basis and ensuring effective co-ordination of workstreams in EUR.





## Andy Roe

### Live Exercise lead

Andy is a group manager at London Fire Brigade and works in operational policy. He is responsible for a number of the Brigade's rescue policies including water rescue, flood rescue and response, immediate emergency care, Urban Search And Rescue (USAR) and animal rescue.

He also manages the Brigade's USAR advisors and Tactical Advisors rescue team.

Andy is the EUR Live exercise workstream lead and has responsibility for delivering the live play elements of the exercise, including the build of the disaster scene.



## Chanelle Cook

### EUR Project Support Officer

Chanelle has recently joined London Fire Brigade after graduating with a Upper Second Class Honors degree in Environmental Hazards & Disaster Management from Kingston University.

She is providing project support to the exercise's Project Manager and Project Officer and is responsible for the day to day administration in the project support office, maintaining required administration and information systems.



## Seta Persaud

### Finance Manager

Seta is Finance Manager at London Fire Brigade. She is responsible for managing and reporting spend of the Exercise Unified Response budget, including processing grant receipts from the EU and arranging payments to the partners in Italy, Cyprus, Hungary and also the UK DVI (Met Police). This also requires Seta to account for currency exchange rates.

Seta is also responsible for setting up and allocating budgets across the different workstreams using the LFB Financial Management System. She also monitors expenditure against these budgets and regularly reports the results to the EUR Project Board. This information is then use to fulfil the Brigade's reporting requirements to the EU.



## Kevin Hughes

### EUR evaluation lead

Kevin joined the Brigade in 1987 and is a Deputy Assistant Commissioner with responsibility for operational policy. His core role is to lead the four teams that constitute the Operational Policy department namely firefighting, rescue, hazardous materials & respiratory protective equipment and incident communications.

During his career, Kevin has attended and taken command roles at a wide range of significant operational incidents including the Royal Marsden Hospital fire, the 40 pump fire at a Dagenham recycling plant which threatened to disrupt the closing ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games and during the 7/7 bombings.

Kevin is the lead for EUR evaluation and production of the post exercise report

