



POLICY	Issue: 1.0
Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Incidents	Date: 11/06/2008

Policy Statement

The Civil Nuclear Constabulary (the Constabulary) currently has a number of officers equipped or trained to deal with any Chemical, Biological, Radiological or Nuclear (CBRN) terrorist incident. However for all officers, whether trained or not, certain procedures will be adhered to, in order to protect the life and welfare of the officers and other persons in the vicinity of a CBRN incident. Safety is to be paramount at all times.

In order to meet the threat of a CBRN incident the Constabulary will:

- Provide briefing and training to all staff to ensure that a CBRN incident can be recognised and that staff put in safety measures to best protect themselves and the public from the effects and dangers of a CBRN device.
- Provide the appropriate training for CBRN staff to be identified within the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) and the Police National Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Centre (PNCBRNC).
- Include the preservation of a crime scene and the evidence contained therein as part of the training.
- Have sufficient Senior Officers trained to perform the Gold, Silver and Bronze functions, likely to be required to respond to a major CBRN incident.
- Have a risk assessment in place for CBRN incidents, to enable CBRN trained officers to carry out a dynamic risk assessment of the situation so as to minimise the risk to officers operating in this environment.
- If responding actively to an incident, have a sufficient number of officers (to be known as Responders) who will be properly equipped and trained to enter the environment of a CBRN incident, to gather and preserve evidence and be forensically aware.
- Work with other trained Responders from other Constabularies, with the Fire and Rescue Services, Ambulance Service, the Military and Nuclear Site Security, to provide a co-ordinated and comprehensive response to any CBRN threat or incident.
- Carry out sufficient training exercises, ideally with Responders, and interested partners from all the agencies, to test our ability to respond effectively to a CBRN incident.

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Aims of the Policy

To provide the ability for the Constabulary to respond to a CBRN incident in a professional and effective manner, and in co-operation with the local police and other emergency agencies, whilst minimising the risk to Police Officers and members of the public.

This policy is enacted by the following management system documents:

CNC/PP/0430 Radiation Protection Procedures
CNC/PP/0407 Health & Safety General Risk Assessment & Control Procedure

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