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Overview of event

Continued evidence that on-scene police commanders are not wearing police incident commander tabards at multi agency incidents.

Summary of learning

The JESIP team have continued to receive a steady number of lessons across the UK regarding the wearing of police commander tabards at multi-agency incidents/events. Evidence has identified that there are a number of reasons why tabards are still not being worn by police commanders, the most common being lack of availability/access to police commander tabards at scene, as highlighted in a JOL Action 2016- 001 (See attached).

Because of the dynamic nature of the mobilisation of police on-scene commanders, e.g. on foot, bicycle, motor cycle, car share, etc, it is not always possible to ensure that a tabard is made available, particularly in the early stages of an incident, where JESIP principles are even more imperative.

NOLUG Recommendations

The following recommendations have been made to address the identified issue: After consultation with the Police Service Organisational Point of Contact for JOL and in the spirit of effective multi-agency working, to support all forces in mitigating this issue by improving access to tabards for on-scene police commanders, and so supporting the co-location of emergency service commander's on-scene,

it is recommended that fire and rescue services contact their local force JOL SPoC, to make suitable arrangements for the supply of on-scene police commander tabards that can be stowed on front line fire appliances.

This Action Note will also be shared with other agencies via JOL

Contact information

NOL would be keen to hear of any further associated learning identified by fire and rescue services as a result of this Action Note. Please contact: NOLmail@ukfrs.com