

Emergency Planning Report June – October 2017

Incidents:

Between June and October there have been a few incidents that didn't require a response from the team, namely burst water main on the A21, 2 alleged unexploded bombs and a sink hole.

We have had a watching brief over the terror incidents in Finsbury Park and Parsons Green, as part of our London wide responsibilities.

We were heavily involved in Grenfell Fire, sending staff to run the assistance centre and providing strategic support at the Gold Command in Westminster.

Training:

We continue to offer training to new volunteers for Rest Centres and have now trained a further 4 Local Authority Liaison Officers with a further 4 due to be trained in October. This will bring the total to 20 trained LALOs. This has been followed up with borough specific training and table top exercises.

We have entered into an agreement with the Rotary Clubs in Bromley to provide additional support to us in a major incident. Currently we have 80 people signed up. We are offering training to the volunteers and are in the process of setting up a memorandum of understanding with them.

I will be attending a train the trainer course to provide in house training for loggists who support the Borough Emergency Control Room (BECC) and the Gold arrangements for London.

Exercises:

Exercise Tandy was run in June at Biggin Hill Airport to test the emergency response to a plane crash incident (similar to the Shoreham crash). We provided LALO's as part of this exercise.

Rest Centre tabletop exercise:

Newly trained rest centre staff were given a theoretical scenario to test following on from their recent Red Cross training.

Survivor Reception Centre Training

This is being planned currently and will involve the Metropolitan Police My time Active, the Rotary and our own volunteers.

Exercise Connects

Was held on September 27th to test the contactability of Bromley with London in a major incident. It ran from 9.30-12.30.

Protocols and Plans.

All 33 London Borough Emergency Planning teams and subsequently any major incidents that involve the London Boroughs are coordinated centrally by London Resilience. We have just completed and submitted our audits for this year.

Move to Critical Threat Level

A document was sent to CEO's providing guidance on what LA's should do in the event that we move to a critical threat level. This informed us of the steps we subsequently took last week in relation to this.

The UK moved to critical after the Manchester bomb and Parsons Green bomb. Bromley provided messages to staff on the implications of the raised threat level.

Business Continuity

Sophie Olive, has been appointed as a Resilience Officer part of her work is to support Laurie Grasty in updating the BC plans for the Council.

Laurie Grasty: Emergency Planning and Corporate Resilience Manager

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