



Hydra Exercise

Wednesday 24th November 2021, 09:00-11:30 EST / 14:00-16:30 GMT / 15:00-17:30 CET

Background

The Counter Terrorism Preparedness Network (CTPN) are hosting an interactive scenario-based exercise in partnership with the Metropolitan Police Service, known as 'Hydra'. This highly regarded exercise provides a platform to explore multi-agency response arrangements in the context of a terrorist attack (e.g. marauding, firearms, explosive or vehicle) within a city centre environment.

This exercise will be tailored for CTPN members across Europe and North America, and facilitated by Dawn Morris, Chief Superintendent for Counter Terrorism Protective Security Operations within the Metropolitan Police Service, who is also Chair of the CTPN Lessons and Implementation Board.

Aim and Objectives

Hydra is a specialist exercise that aims to introduce key considerations and principles in the multi-agency response to terrorist attacks, also drawing upon real-life experiences and incorporating lessons from incidents and exercises, as well as findings from inquiries as appropriate. It will:

- Raise awareness of joint emergency service interoperability principles
- Consider the implications of 'grey space' in relation to urban or stadia environments
- Explore emergency service command and control based on risk-based deployments
- Share strategic, tactical, and operational response priorities and arrangements

Participant Profile

To achieve the aims and objectives, and maximise value for all involved, participants must:

- Represent a public-sector organisation from within a CTPN member city
- Serve at a strategic or tactical command level and/or offer relevant expertise
- Have direct roles and responsibilities in the response to terrorist attacks

Joining Instructions

Registration and Format

CTPN cities are invited to nominate a maximum of five participants to join the exercise. All registrations are to be submitted as full name, title and organisation to ctpn@london-fire.gov.uk.

Chatham House Rule

Note that this is a closed event by invitation and nomination only. To encourage open discussions, Chatham House Rule will apply. Participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speakers, nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.

Other Notes

- This is an international exercise with a range of cities and organisations represented
- The exercise will be conducted in English and there are no translation facilities available
- The exercise will take place online via Microsoft Teams (see virtual event protocol)
- Queries in advance of the event should be e-mailed to: ctpn@london-fire.gov.uk.