



FUTURE OF JESIP AGREED BY MINISTERS

Legacy arrangements ensuring that JESIP has strong oversight and management into the future have now been approved by both the strategic and ministerial boards responsible for the programme.

JESIP training - and the further development and maintenance of the JESIP training products – will continue into 2015 and beyond.

The overarching aim of the JESIP legacy is “that the interoperability capacity

built by the programme is successfully embedded, maintained and developed as part of business as usual within the emergency services.”

As reported previously in JESIP News, the legacy structure will be built around four areas – doctrine, training, testing and exercising, and joint organisational learning. It will be managed by a small central team reporting to an Interoperability Board.

Detailed work is now taking place

to flesh out the plans, including a workshop for a wide variety of stakeholders at the end of June.

Full details of the legacy arrangements will be circulated following that event and a special edition of JESIP News will be published focusing specifically on the legacy plans.

These plans will also be presented and discussed at a series of summer engagement events across the country in July and August.



The Home Secretary, the Rt Hon Theresa May MP, is pictured on the JESIP stand with, from left to right, JESIP ambulance senior user Carl Daniels; engagement manager Joy Flanagan; project manager Fleur Jones; and deputy senior responsible officer Steve Wheaton.

HOME SECRETARY VISITS JESIP AT EXHIBITION

JESIP took to the road again in April with a stand in the Ambition 2014 exhibition at Olympia London.

We welcomed a broad range of visitors to our stand from the UK and overseas, demonstrating the growing global appeal of JESIP. It was great to see a number of people who had attended JESIP training or completed the e-learning package. Feedback was overwhelmingly good.

A highlight of our trip to Ambition was a personal visit from the Home Secretary during her tour of the show. She discussed the programme’s progress and met some of the JESIP team.

JESIP will be out and about again in each area later in the Summer but will also be at the Emergency Services Show in September where we will be hosting for the first time an open conference programme focusing on the work of JESIP with the emergency services and wider agencies.

JESIP - A EUREKA MOMENT

I think JESIP is absolutely the right thing to be doing – when you reflect, you have a sort of light bulb, eureka moment and think why on earth were we not doing this years ago.

This is the personal view of Dorset fire chief Darran Gunter who spoke to JESIP News after attending a JESIP training course.

He said: “Within a matter of years there will be officers coming through in all services looking back in disbelief that this kind of multi-agency training, exercising, relationship building, didn’t happen only a few years ago !”

You can read about Darran’s first-hand experience of JESIP training - and that of fellow fire chief and JESIP strategic lead Roy Wilsher – on Page 3.

Darran speaks passionately about the need for JESIP to continue into the future. “It must do otherwise it will lose its credentials – both present and past – and people will revert to what they know best and what they are comfortable with. People will see it as fashion rather than fact,” he said.

He believes that eventually, after a period of reflection and consolidation, the three emergency services need to say to government that they can take JESIP forward. “We may need a little financial assistance but we are mature enough and visionary enough to know where this needs to go.

“Unless we do take this forward collectively we are in danger of just proving to everyone that we do actually operate in silos both in our thinking and in our practice,” he said.

Darran also expressed strong views about Local Resilience Forums (LRFs), which have an important role to play in emergency response and resilience.

“LRFs have got to have more accountability. They are these free-floating bodies, which are out-of-date. They need modernising. Across the country some are very active, some are not,” he said.

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RAPID RISE IN TRAINING NUMBERS

Numbers of commanders registering for JESIP training are rising rapidly.

Almost 8,500 have now signed up and over 5,200 of those have completed the training.

Many areas are surging ahead – and thanks to them for a fantastic effort.

However, some areas are lagging behind and attention is being paid to them to see if they have any problems and whether they need any further help or support.

More training matters:

- Work continues on developing the training course for control supervisors and managers.
- An e-learning package for commanders is due for release in July
- A mobile JESIP app is due out, also in July
- Posters of the JDM, principles and METHANE are available from the online forum on the website.

THIS CHART SHOWS TRAINING FIGURES AS OF 28 MAY 2014

REGION	Operational			Tactical			Total Registered (%)	Total Trained (%)
	Priority Training Requirement	Registered	Trained	Priority Training Requirement	Registered	Trained		
East Midlands	627	534	364	226	212	138	100%	59%
East of England	544	551	353	268	252	153	99%	62%
London	1065	263	114	180	71	42	27%	13%
North East	442	335	91	236	295	252	93%	51%
North West	1174	780	373	312	223	94	67%	31%
South Central	517	508	303	214	171	145	93%	61%
South East Coast	437	491	293	146	174	109	100%	69%
South West	843	319	319	349	915	349	100%	56%
Wales	418	416	373	127	145	112	100%	89%
West Midlands	1380	371	100	359	856	633	71%	42%
Yorkshire and the Humber	799	365	365	226	164	139	52%	49%
Grand Total	8246	4933	3048	2643	3478	2166	77%	48%

MORE TALK ON AIRWAVE

More attention should be given on JESIP training courses to the use of Airwave as an important enabler towards improved joint working.

Promoting best practice in the use of Airwave features in the JESIP training for commanders but trainers are encouraged to devote a bit more time to its use.

Some trainers already include a 20-30 minute session to increase Airwave familiarisation. Carl Daniels, JESIP's ambulance senior user, would like to see this practice increase.

He said: "The problem is not the system but how people use Airwave. The system can be quite hard to use so people seem rather afraid to use it and therefore it is not used to its full potential.

"However, by featuring Airwave on the training courses we have got people thinking about it and, while there is still a way to go, there are indications that its proper use is increasing.

"By breeding familiarisation with the system we will encourage its greater use."

The use of Airwave can be

absolutely vital in situations where co-location has proved difficult and there are positive signs that this is being recognised. "We have examples of people calling for the setting up of an interoperable talk group so they can talk to fellow commanders before arrival on scene," said Carl.

JESIP has created a group of subject matter experts to look at how training in the use of Airwave is delivered across the emergency services with the possibility of agreeing a single training course.



@jesip999 now has well over 1000 followers – please join them and don't forget to Tweet your JESIP experiences and photos.

INVITE A CHIEF TO JESIP TRAINING

Invite your chief to attend a JESIP training course...and to give you some ammo to support your plea, here are the views of two who have been there and done it.

Roy Wilsher, Hertfordshire's Chief Fire Officer and chair of the JESIP strategic leads, and Darran Gunter, Dorset's Chief Fire Officer, shared their experiences with JESIP News and spoke about the importance of taking the model into the future.



Roy Wilsher

Roy sat in on a course at Stevenage and enjoyed the experience. "The course was very good. One of the key points made was that while the three services had trained and exercised together they had not sat in the classroom and learned together – that was a real plus point," he said.

He deliberately sat back as an observer but did contribute to a discussion about interaction between strategic and tactical commanders.

Roy believes it is important for chiefs to attend JESIP courses not just to show leadership and support but also to "develop an understanding about what we are telling their people."

He described JESIP as a "significant undertaking" and an "incredible achievement."

As well as praising the work of the JESIP team he was quick to praise the 105 police, fire and ambulance services and their leaders for helping "make it happen."

He is convinced that JESIP must maintain momentum into the future with central support to enable its principles and ways of working to become embedded throughout the emergency services and the wider resilience community.



Darran Gunter

Darran believes it is definitely a good thing for chief officers to go on JESIP courses.

"It is not about my role and what I might need to do at strategic level, it is about having a kind of parent role in understanding how this relationship needs to go forward between organisations," he said.

Yes, it is about leadership and setting an example but also about leading the future philosophy of JESIP, about getting a grasp of where

it needs to go and then being able to undertake the local leadership role with JESIP into the future, he believes.

Darran said the course he attended was well organised and the training was very good. He thought the pre-learning started to get you thinking about things appropriate to the course.

"The day was well attended, a good representation. It really was a tri-approach. Everyone was equal and not one organisation was overpowering or overbearing.

"It was very good seeing all three services in the same classroom. I believe the three services are in slightly different places but JESIP provides a conduit between us to develop understanding.

"One of the discussions we had was about the right protocol to declare major incidents which is often a barrier within and sometimes between emergency service responders and indeed local authorities.

"While that was not a key objective of the day, we quite rightly and legitimately moved into that area and that is extremely beneficial and the day proved there is much more we need to talk about. So it was a very, very good day that provided some answers but also allowed us to create some questions of each other as well," he said.

Darran believes that in his area other agencies – like the Coastguard Agency – should have been brought into the JESIP loop a little earlier. "Involving those agencies further in JESIP will be a tremendous benefit and the safer, stronger and more sustainable we will be in emergency response," he said.

On the course, he said actually getting commanders to not just share their roles but to be brave enough to expose their vulnerabilities and weaknesses is courageous and right.

"That was really good – not just saying what we can do but what issues do we have – like our different roles, cordon control, primacy etc. Some of the conversations I heard during my day were enlightening – people being willing to move boundaries depending on the incident and not being constrained by what has been done previously.

"JESIP has had a positive impact on relationships between the emergency services," he said.

Yes, we know that we have interviewed two fire chiefs but we would be more than delighted to speak to chiefs from the other two services who have attended a JESIP training course.

TRAINING TIP

Try and find extra time to spend on helping people become more familiar with Airwave

Don't forget to check the website for all things JESIP – it is crammed with information.

The All Staff e-learning product is now available along with the dates of the validation exercises taking place around the country.

In the News pages you will find our slides from the recent Ambition exhibition for you to download and a

copy of the Harvard White Paper on the learning from the Boston Bombings of 2013.

Our archive of newsletters are all available to download from here also.

JESIP posters of the Five Principles, METHANE and the JDM are available via the JESIP Forum and we welcome the latest group of members; the Control Room working group.

The forum is a secure area of the website and makes the sharing of documents and information much easier so please do remember to take a look and post your comments.

If you are a JESIP trainer or JESIP Delivery Lead and have any problems accessing the forum or need your password changed, just let us know.



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EXERCISING JESIP

This month sees the resumption of JESIP validation exercises with two in Yorkshire and Humberside on June 13 and 27 and in the South East Coast region on June 24 and 25.

The variety of scenarios being developed for the validation exercises around the regions is exciting. We have already tested the JESIP training in responding to a train crash on a level crossing and a light aircraft crash on a major arterial road.

So, without giving anything away we look forward to the next unique major and complex incidents being staged to test and validate JESIP training.

Planning is progressing well for the many validation exercises due to take place in July and details of these will be in the next newsletter. Thank you to everyone who is supporting the planning and delivery of these events.

JESIP CROSSES THE CHANNEL... ALMOST

JESIP has been adopted by the Channel Islands Jersey and Guernsey.

A Train the Trainers course is being held on Jersey on June 17 with JESIP training set to follow as soon as possible.

Talks continue with Scotland and Northern Ireland and it is hoped that JESIP will be introduced in those areas.

Wales adopted JESIP at the beginning of the programme.

POSITIVE FEEDBACK

Feedback from JESIP training continues to be very positive with the vast majority of commanders being satisfied or very satisfied with the courses.

Members of the JESIP team continue to visit training courses as observers. Comments picked up from delegates at recent courses have included:

- The JDM is good, it will help us all to have the same guidance
- It is good to understand the different perspectives from each service
- Interesting listening to the other Emergency Services and understanding the policies they use that I was not aware of
- It has increased my awareness of when we need to work more closely together

A delegate from Mountain Rescue at a course in Rhyl commented: "Essential training that should be rolled out to the wider commanders so that we can all work together and improve interoperability."

A fire service delegate from the same course said: "It is good to see other agencies taking part."