

**NATIONAL WATER SAFETY
MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME**



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The Evolution of Occupational Water Safety

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Premise:

There is a large body of people - employees, paid and unpaid, who are expected to work in and around water, who are not properly resourced, trained or equipped - and who do not truly understand the nature of the hazard and risk they are exposed to – and this is unacceptable.







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The Humane Society

“two guineas for a rescue and four guinea for successfully bringing someone back to life”

1891

5,000 lives lost

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Michael Barnett, 25th June 2007

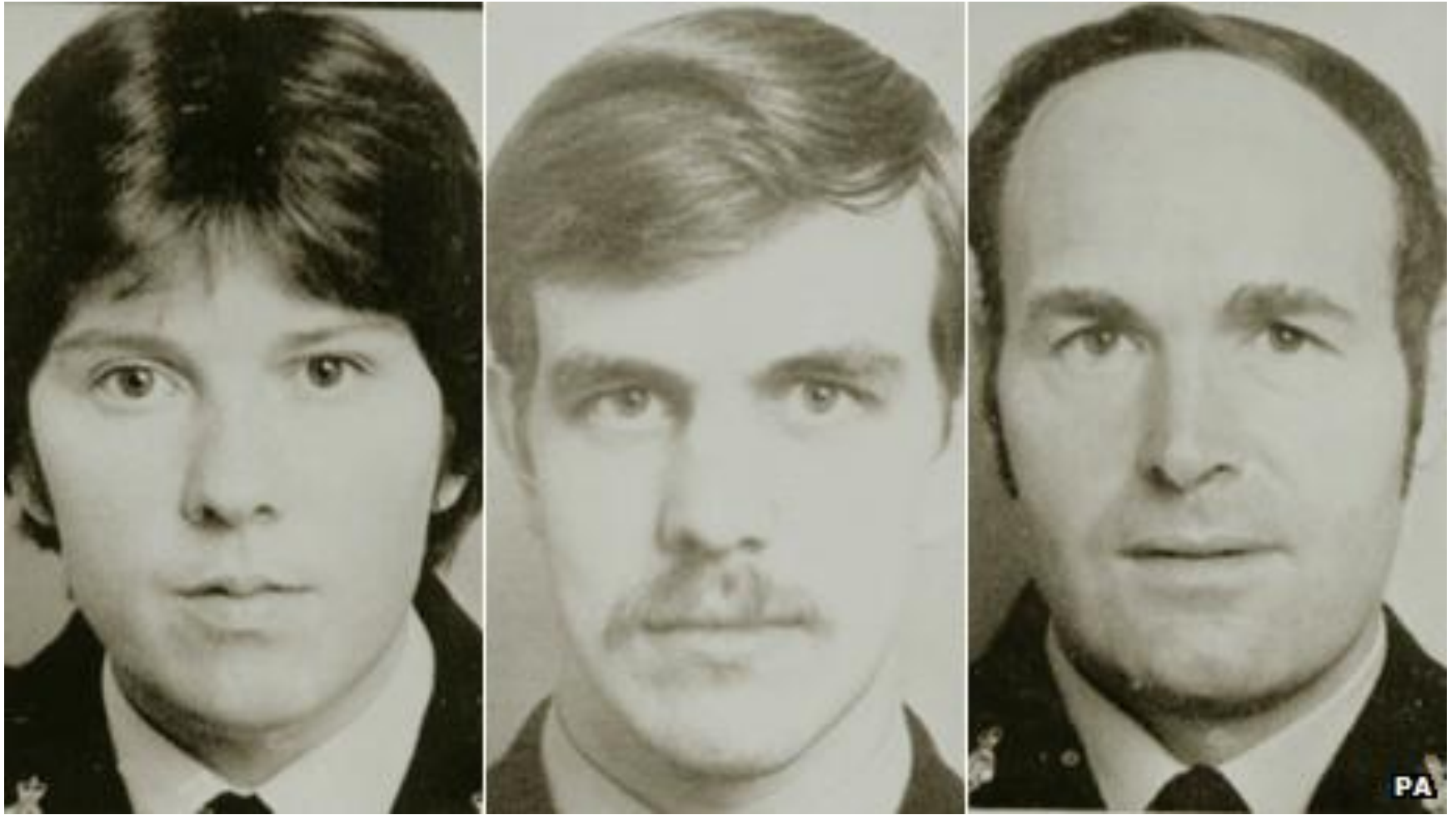




PC Barker -20 November 2009.



For Dammed
Park before
the dam



PCs Angela Bradley, Colin Morrison and Gordon Connolly

DEFRA Protocols:

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|------------------------|-------|
| 1) Water Awareness | 1 day |
| 2) First Responder | 2 |
| 3) Rescue Technician | 3/4 |
| 4) Boat Operator | |
| 5) Incident Management | |
| 6) Tactical Adviser | |

Minimum Content

- issues of temperature
- water quality
- flow/movement
- entrapment
- visibility / unseen obstructions
- changeability
- vulnerability (human factors)

Vulnerability Factors

Flawed perception of risk

Peer pressure – especially in uniform or badge

Overestimation of personal ability

Underestimation and Unfamiliarity

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- Level One
 - 'Water Safety Awareness'
 - 'Flood Safety Awareness'
 - 'PPE & Lifejackets'
- Level Two
 - Environment Specific
 - Still, River & Beach
- Level Three
 - In water Rescue