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Keeping people safe

Managing Events from a Police Perspective

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Overview

- Event policing
- Command structure and resources
- Risk assessment
- Planning – internal and in partnership
- Counter Terrorism Security Coordinator
- Public Order Tactical Advisor
- Police Liaison Officer
- COVID-19 considerations
- Closing remarks and questions

Event Policing

- Average of 1200 events per year in Edinburgh
 - Sporting events
 - Concerts / music festivals
 - Ceremonial occasions
 - Nationally significant events
 - Summer / winter city festivals
 - Bonfire Night
 - Hogmanay
 - Protest



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Command Structure and Resources

- Gold – strategic
- Silver – tactical
- Bronze – operational
- Conventional officers
- Public Order officers
- Forward Intelligence Teams
- Mounted/Dogs
- Authorised Firearms Officers

Risk Assessment

Event Information

- Event profile
- Venue
- Stakeholders
- Intelligence picture
- Event history
- VIP/PP attendance

Considerations

- Current threat level
- Public Safety
- Public Order
- Damage to property
- Competing events
- Force reputation



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Planning

Internal

Divisional Operational
Planning

Emergency, Events
and Resilience
Planning (EERP)

Partnership

Event Planning and
Operations Group
(EPOG)

Safety Advisory Group
(SAG)



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Public Order Tactical Advisor

- Gold, Silver and Bronze commanders will have a dedicated POTAC for the duration of an event.
 - Public Order specialist
 - Provides tactical options
 - Commander will decide on course of action

Counter Terrorism Security Coordinator

- Public military events
- Ceremonial and civic events
- Events involving protected persons
- Crowded place events
- Sensitive locations
- CT Security Advisor
- PoLSA
- TFC
- SIO
- Event Planners
- Emergency Procedure Advisors
- External stakeholders



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Police Liaison Officer

- PLO provides a link between the event commander and groups / individuals involved with a focus on communication, negotiation and mediation
 - Reduce potential tensions
 - Reduce risk of disorder / conflict
 - Build confidence and trust
 - Pre, during and post event engagement



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COVID-19 Considerations

- ECHR vs Public Health impact
- Adherence to COVID-19 legislation
- Tiered approach
- Lockdown fatigue
- Lockdown easing
- Events post restrictions?

Questions?

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