



If we are to achieve our goals in setting out to assist with 'Disaster Reduction' for all involved in the essential quest to build a safer world then we need to share understanding, information and learning, identify emerging strategies, asset types including the benefits and opportunities for Rescue Service use of air assets, and opportunities for mutual aid / joint working and rendering 'Assistance across Agencies and Borders – By Breaking down the Barriers'. This event will assist that aim through a better understanding of 'International Disaster Management Structures' through the case studies to be presented at the event. A key feature of the programme is that of knowledge transfer to enhance the crisis management, business continuity management and recovery capability of participating organisations. To make sure this event is as effective as possible, it is organised to give all attendees a unique, entertaining, participative and challenging experience.

By following incident and exercise timelines and political perspectives provided by experts and leaders of front line responder organisations such as fire and first responders from around the world, delegates will gain a greater understanding of, and insight into rendering assistance across Agencies and Borders and obtain mutual benefit for our citizens and communities..

Speakers include:

- Chief Jon B Hannan :: Charlotte FRS, North Carolina, USA
- Greg Slater :: NSW State Emergency Service
- Mandy MacKenzie :: Civil Contingencies Secretariat, Cabinet Office UK
- CFO Paul Hayden :: Hereford and Worcester FRS, UK
- Deputy Chief Jeff Dulin :: Charlotte Fire Department
- Peter Glerum :: Project Leader EU-Floodex, The Netherlands
- Michael A. Sprayberry :: North Carolina Division of Emergency Management
- Reuben F. Young :: Secretary of the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

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## PROGRAMME :: 5 October, 2009

08:15 :: Registration and Coffee

08:45 :: Welcome  
**Chief Jon B Hannan**  
**Mr. Curt Walton**  
**Chief Paul Hayden**

09:00 :: Strategic Disaster Management, a 15 minute overview of Strategic C&C Arrangements by representatives from US, UK, EU and Australasia, followed by Q&A / discussion  
**Deputy Chief Jeff Dulin; Deputy Director General (DDG, NSW) Greg Slater; Ms. Mandy Mackenzie, HMG Cabinet Office; Mr. Peter Glerum EU Floodex, Netherlands**

10:30 :: US Style Coffee Break – Coffee and Donuts

11:00 :: Presentation : on Hurricane Katrina from a deployed team's perspective followed by discussion  
**Mr. Joe Sorrentino**  
*Florida Task Force 2*

11:30 :: Presentation : Australasia Major Emergency Event followed by discussion  
**DDG Greg Slater**  
*NSW State Emergency Service*

12:00 :: Presentation : Major Flood Events U.K. Case Study  
**Chief Paul Hayden**

12:30 :: Summary and Discussion  
**Mr. Michael Brown (Chair)**

13:00 :: Lunch and CFD Training Academy - Tour to include viewing the CFD Command and Control vehicles.  
CFD Staff

14:00 :: Opening and Key Note Address  
**Secretary Rueben Young,**  
*NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, NC, USA.*

14:15 :: Major Disaster Response (Flooding) – Breaking Down Barriers – Multi-agency/Disciplinary Working  
**Mr. Mike Sprayberry**  
*Deputy Director for NCEM, NC, USA - Operations Section Chief*

14:45 :: Presentation from FEMA representative on National Response to Flood Events – Cross Jurisdiction  
**Mr. James Nicholas Russo**  
*Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) – Region I*

15:15 :: English Style Tea Break - Devon & Dorset Cream Tea and Scones

15:45 :: Political Perspective on International Mutual Aid  
**Nigel Griffiths MP**  
*(Deputy Leader of the UK House of Commons)*  
TBC

16:00 :: Presentation : EU Floodex 2009 – The Clarion Call!  
**Chief Paul Hayden**

16:30 :: Summary, Plenary, Closing Address, Looking Forward – Findings to be Published (on the web).  
**Chair**

17:00 :: Closing Reception