

The Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies

RUSI Homeland Security and Resilience
Department presents:

Communications Interoperability in a Crisis

*An event to increase clarity and understanding – a privileged
forum within which issues can be raised and resolved*

Tuesday 21 September 2004

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London

To deliver the emergency response expected by the public and demanded by the government a fully interoperable communications system for the three blue-light services is vital. Some suggest that the only way to achieve this is by making everyone invest in the same technology whilst some say that many of the existing networks can be made fully interoperable.

The aim of this workshop is to explore and debate the issues surrounding this dichotomy of opinion. In addition to the "hard" technological issues the workshop will also explore the "soft" issues surrounding communications. The workshop will ask: "Even if the technology is in place, are the emergency services, local and regional authorities and other organisations sufficiently prepared to communicate effectively in a crisis situation?"

This workshop is an excellent opportunity for Government, emergency services, local authorities and technical and behavioural specialists to meet, debate and reach a common understanding.

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0830 Registration and Morning Coffee

0900 Event starts

This workshop will consist of introductory lectures and in-depth discussion periods, which will be influenced largely by audience participation.

Communications Interoperability in a Crisis:

- The Problem
- The Technical Solutions
- The Operational Issues
- The Future of Interoperability

Invitees Include:

- Information Communications & Technology Unit, Home Office
- Police Information Technology Organisation
- O2 Airwave
- Cogent (EADS)
- Motorola
- Sepura
- Emergency Planning College
- London Emergency Services Liaison Panel
- Ambulance Service Association
- Cambridgeshire Police Authority
- TETRA MOU Association
- QinetiQ
- BWCS
- Regional & Local Emergency Planning Units

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The Homeland Security and Resilience Department (HSR)

The HSR Department studies, researches and facilitates debate on the prevention of, response to and recovery from potential and actual man-made and natural disasters and emergencies.

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