



Public Order Refresher – Course Outline

Introduction

Public Order Safety Awareness is a fundamental skill required by front line media staff and their managers. Following on from initial training, those personnel that need to keep their Public Order qualification current, must attend a refresher course every 3 years as a minimum.

Aim

The aim of the course is to refresh an individual's awareness of Public Order Safety and improving their planning and dynamic decision making skills.

Audience

The course is designed specifically for media personnel who have completed the 2 day basic Public Order Safety Awareness course and have since been actively working on tasks where public order events have been likely to occur, or where they have actually occurred.

The course is also intended to give safety advice and training to managers and staff that have a responsibility for deploying teams or individuals to Public Order events.

Prerequisites

Front line staff must have completed a full Public Order Safety Awareness course within the last 5 years.

No prerequisite is required for those who are responsible for deploying front line staff and will not deploy into the field themselves.

Duration

1 Day

Course Venue

A customer's site with a room suitable for classroom work and the ability to move around the building and surrounding areas is required. Alternatively, the course can be held at one of our training sites.

Qualifications

The course is designed to raise awareness and no formal qualification is awarded. It will however fulfil the requirement to be Public Order trained within the organisation.

Course Content

The course consists predominantly of classroom-based desk top exercises with lectures and discussions to refresh key learning point from the full Public Order course. Where local conditions allow, some of the Conflict Management principles previously taught will also be refreshed practically.

The following topics will be revised:

- Awareness of the threat
- Managing risks
- Guidelines for safe movement on foot to, from and during an event, both as an individual and as a team
- Safe positioning during an event
- Policing of events and the affect this will have on safety

Profile awareness including the importance of clothing, positioning, equipment

- Additional considerations for planners, managers and front line staff:
- Planning and preparing a deployment. Consideration is given to background information, equipment, contingency planning and travel
- Use of buildings
- Importance of good operating procedures.
- Advice about where to find up-to-date safety advice, appraisal of current safety procedures. (Use of the JSG)
- The importance of contingency planning
- Post Incident Procedures