



Minutes of the Safety Group Fife Meeting

Held on Monday 9th February 2009 at

**Dunfermline Building Society, Caledonia House,
Carnegie Avenue, Dunfermline.**

Present

Jim McKay	Self
Steve Blythe	Fife Constabulary
Peter Ager	Fife Council
Neil Holden	Forbo-Nairn
Ian Norton	North British Distillery
John Greenhalgh	Exxonmobil
Linda Bell	Business Medical Ltd
Glyn Beech	Phoenix Safety
John O'Rourke	QMU
William Miller	Strath Safety
David Jones	Velux
Tom Canning	Babcock Marine
Richard Wilson	QMU
David Cant	Carnegie College
Andy Martin	Fife H&S Consultants
Nick Reville	Fife Constabulary
Mark Russell	Dunfermline BS
John Johnston	FMC Technologies

Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Martin Brown, Cathy Welsh, Alan Harwood and Annemarie Smith.

DC welcomed everyone along to the meeting, recognising the return of Jim McKay. He went on to state that Cathy Welsh had intimated her intention to resign as Treasurer, DC stated that we would be looking for a willing volunteer to take over this role at the AGM.

He passed this out to the floor for consideration. DC wished to thank Cathy for her efforts over the last 5 years as Treasurer.

DC stated that the date for the April meeting of the Group has been moved to the **20th April 2009** due to the fact that the second Monday in the month fell on Easter Monday. The speaker for the evening will be Sean McCarthy Chairman of Sustainable Olympics 2012.

DC welcomed Detective Constable Nick Reville from Fife Constabulary, Nick would be discussing the current security threat in the UK.

Nick introduced himself stating that his role was that of a Counter Terrorism Security Adviser (CTSA), the CTSA role was created after the attacks on the Twin Towers on 11th September 2001. The CTSA role is to back up MI5 primarily advising businesses which fall within the following list – Finance/Energy/Power Generation/Chemicals/Pathogens/Radiological.

The CTSA are supported by the National Counter Terrorism Security Office who provide a training and co-ordinating role.

The Government strategy, known as the Contest Strategy is namely to

1. Prevent Terrorism
2. Pursue Terrorists
3. Protect the Public
4. Prepare for the Consequences

The CTSA covers a wide area of work strand, NR listed the following as areas where they had involvement: Pathogens, Toxins, Transport, Explosives, Chemicals, Radiological, Food, Ammonium Nitrate, Barrier Programme, Domestic Extremism, Crowded Places and Soft Targets.

Crowded places and soft targets were identified as the most important work strand, with stadiums and shopping centres being prioritised. Project Argus (a 3hr counter terrorist awareness event) was developed and targeted at the Retail Sector. Further initiatives are planned for the railways, C/B/R/N – Chemical/Biological/Radiation/Nuclear, Airports, Professional (Architects and Town Planners) and the night economy.

NR went on to state that to become a qualified CTSA Officer involved a 3 year City & Guilds accredited training programme which included crime prevention incorporating environmental design, barrier systems, bollards and architectural features.

NR stated that the current threat is based around multiple co-ordinated attacks, the terrorists are using new and novel methods, they are looking to achieve mass casualties. Non-traditional targets are being targeted with no warning being given.

Ammonium Nitrate (Fertiliser Bomb) 1kg of Ammonium Nitrate mixed with Diesel Oil has 90% of the destructive force of TNT.

NR highlighted the work done during Operation Crevice, five people were convicted at an Old Bailey Trial in 2007, they had a 600kg bag of Ammonium Nitrate.

NR explained that the Government works with a risk rating matrix - Critical, Severe, Substantial, Moderate and Low. Currently we are sitting at Severe.

NR covered the Police response to a major/terrorist incident, firstly a major incident would be declared, secondly the initial treatment, rescue and transport of casualties, thirdly, manage the large number of person/media enquires, they would also be responsible for co-ordinating the combined emergency response and emergency liaison.

The Police role is to co-ordinate activities, namely the major incident management, casualty management, reception centre policing, next of kin, mortuary policing, media liaison, incident investigation and compile reports for the procurator fiscal.

NR highlighted how businesses could assist, they should assess risks and assets, look for vulnerabilities. They should prepare and review security policies and procedures. Business Continuity and disaster recovery plans are critical, again these should be exercised and reviewed regularly. Develop links with local police and other emergency services. Report any suspicious activity to the police.

NR recommended that each business should have an Incident Management Plan (IMP), this will allow them to manage the initial emergency. BS25999 is the standard for Business Continuity, Section 8 outlines what is required for IMP.

NR covered the role of the Security Co-ordinator, each business should have someone appointed to this role, they should always have a deputy. They will be responsible for devising a search strategy and evacuation plan. They will make the decision to move to a protected space or evacuate. They will also make the decision to re-occupy. They will liaise with the local Police and be responsible for staff training.

Emergency Grab Bag – NR highlighted the importance of having a grab bag, he advised that the following items should form the core of what is included.

- Torches (preferably wind up ones, no battery corrosion)
- AM/FM Radio (again wind up if possible, BBC Charter dictates that they will broadcast emergency information).
- Notebook and Pen
- Mobile Phone/Phone Cards (remember mobile networks can go down).
- Staff Lists
- Cash (take petty cash to assist staff to get home as they may have lost their personal belongings).
- First Aid Kit (A normal first aid kit will be inadequate in a terrorist incident, large field dressings are required).

Ask staff to add **ICE** in their mobile phones **In Case of Emergency**, add next of kin details, the emergency services will look at peoples phones as part of the process in trying to identify them.

Hostile Reconnaissance – What is it? Used to gather intelligence – places/routes/targets. Why is it used? Obtain profile of location, best mode of attack, optimum time for operation. The 7th July London bombers did a dry run 9days before the attack. The actual attack left 56 dead and 528 injured.

Suspicious Activity – be aware! People taking photo's of security measures, vehicles being where they shouldn't and any other activity out with normal – Report it!

Non Emergency Number is – 0845 600 5702 or 999 Emergency Number.

“You don't need to be certain to be suspicious”

NR talked about the police role, investigate locally, advise Special Branch, who in turn will collate all incidents and analyse nationally – Operation Lightning.

He discussed the CPNI – Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure and recommended a visit to their website. www.cpni.gov.uk

He also highlighted a couple of other websites that were worth investigating;

www.mi5.gov.uk

www.nactso.gov.uk

NR finished by saying that terrorism is not something that can be ignored in Scotland, especially after the 30th June 2007 attack on Glasgow Airport and the Scottish links to the Tiger Tiger attempted bombing in London. We also had the recent trial of Mohammed Atif Siddique a 21year old student living in Alva who was charged with terrorism offences.

He then played a DVD to the group that highlighted the importance of good business security practices.

DC thanked NR for a very interesting presentation and opened the floor for a general discussion.

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of 12th January 2009 (short as they were) were approved.

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There were no items raised, DC closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 9th March 2009. Speaker TBC.

Mark Russell
Secretary
Safety Group Fife.

