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Critical Incident Command Policy

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POLICY IDENTIFICATION PAGE

THIS POLICY HAS BEEN DRAFTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION, PUBLIC DISCLOSURE IS APPROVED UNLESS WHERE OTHERWISE INDICATED AND JUSTIFIED.

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Department Responsible: HQ Operations

Person Responsible: Head of Operations

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

This policy has been drafted in accordance with the Human Rights Act and has been reviewed on the basis of its contents and the supporting evidence and it is deemed compliant with that Act and the principles underpinning it.

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Policy Document Statement

This policy has been drafted in accordance with the Human Rights Act 1998

(i) GENERAL PRINCIPLES

It is the policy of Dyfed Powys Police:

- i. to deliver guidance in respect of supervision and to adopt a fair and consistent approach to the management of firearms, critical incidents and incidents of a similarly serious nature
- ii. to clearly define administrative duties in support of these duties
- iii. to provide key information to front line officers
- iv. to ensure Police Officers in the execution of their duty -
 - (a) are cognisant of the requirements upon them in terms of command availability
 - (b) give due regard to the persons involved continued welfare, safety, general well being and human rights.
 - (d) make full use of all current and relevant legislation.
 - (e) not to unjustifiably discriminate against any individual or groups of individuals,
 - (f) that actions taken are justified, strictly proportional to, least intrusive and damaging option to the achievement of their legitimate aims.

Any action must be carefully considered and consistent with the guidance set out below, so that, so far as is possible, negative outcomes are avoided and officers do not lay themselves open to significant risk of personal liability for the consequences.

Thoughtful and objective action is consistent with a problem solving approach and is most likely to minimise related disorder or offences

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against the person, whilst reinforcing policing by consent and enhancing the confidence in police of minority communities who can be vulnerable and the object of prejudice.

When carrying out this duty, it will be the duty of all officers to follow a clearly defined decision making process by detailing their objective(s), assessing all available and relevant information and feasible options, documenting decisions made, and reviewing outcomes.

This decision making process will be subject of review and scrutiny by HQ Operations and, where appropriate, the Professional Standards Department, Divisional Command Teams and, with authority of an ACPO officer, any other internal or external party having a legitimate role in the intrusive supervision, management or investigation of firearms, critical incidents and other similarly serious incidents.

(ii) Aims and Lawful Authority

The purpose of this policy is to adopt a structured approach to the provision of command roles in respect of firearms, critical incidents and similarly serious incidents.

To reassure all vulnerable communities within the Dyfed Powys police area, by providing a safe environment in which to live, work and visit.

To provide guidance to police personnel on procedures for the command of firearms, critical incidents and similarly serious incidents.

The legal basis for the exercise of the powers and duties outlined in this policy are:

- Police Acts
- Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- Common Law
- Public Order Act 1986

Dyfed Powys Police consider that these actions are necessary in a democratic society in the interest of and in order to safeguard

- Public safety:
- the prevention of disorder or crime,
- the protection of public order,

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- the protection of the Rights and freedom of others,

(iii) Human Rights

The Human Rights Act 1998 will be considered at all stages of the process, taking into account the need to protect the rights and freedoms of members of the community at large as well as those involved in incidents which give rise to potential community tension.

In the application of this Policy Document, Dyfed Powys Police will not discriminate against any persons regardless of gender, race, colour, language, disability, religion, political, or other opinion, national or social origin, association with national minority, property, birth, or other status as defined under Article 14, European Convention Human Rights (ECHR).

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