



TAYSIDE POLICE

POLICY

BUSINESS CONTINUITY MANAGEMENT

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This Policy sets out Tayside Police's approach to Business Continuity Management (BCM) and to the specific obligations placed upon the force as a Category 1 Responder by the Civil Contingencies Act 2004. It also takes cognisance of British Standard, BS 25999 in relation to Business Continuity Management.

2. POLICY

2.1 SCOPE

- 2.1.1 Tayside Police has a flexible management framework which incorporates BCM principles and is designed to help the force continue to operate in the face of different types of disruption. This will assist in dealing with a wide range of issues from "relatively minor but impactful internal business interruptions" to major emergencies caused by external threats. This approach is consistent with that promoted by "Preparing Scotland 2005".
- 2.1.2 The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 introduced a legislative requirement upon frontline emergency responders, such as the police, fire service and local authorities, to maintain "as far as reasonably practicable" BCM Plans to ensure that we can continue to perform our functions in the event of an emergency to ensure that:
- The force can mobilise the **Critical Functions** needed to deal with any emergency;
 - The impact of the emergency on day to day activities is kept to a minimum;
 - Vital services for communities can be maintained at an appropriate level.
- 2.1.3 Tayside Police will develop and maintain BCM plans to address the foregoing requirements.