

# 5th Annual Emergency Planning Conference

## Planning ~ Best Practice ~ Threats

Friday 18th September 2009

George Hotel, Edinburgh

## CONFERENCE

### Speakers

**Rhona Geisler**

**Director of Development Services, Falkirk Council**

Dealing with the swine flu pandemic

**Dr Anne Maree Wallace**

**Director of Public Health,**

**NHS Forth Valley**

Dealing with the swine flu pandemic

**James Matthews**

**Sky News Scotland**

**Bureau Chief**

Glasgow Airport terrorist attack: crisis media management

**Odette Butson**

**Olympic Project Manager, British Transport Police**

2012 Olympic planning lessons

**David Goodhew**

**Assistant Chief Officer, Strathclyde Fire Service**

Ayrshire freight train derailment

**Sophie Purdey**

**Former Head, Flood Forecasting Centre, Met Office**

The UK flood forecasting centre

**Patricia Boyle**

**Public Weather Service Assurance Manager, Met Office**

Weather and climate change planning

**Ronnie Nicol**

**Assistant Director Public**

**Reporting Group—Local**

**Government,**

**Audit Scotland**

Improving civil contingencies planning in Scotland



### Keynote Speaker

**Bruce Mann, Director, Cabinet Office  
Civil Contingencies Secretariat**

### UK CABINET DIRECTOR TO GIVE ADVICE ON BEST PRACTICE

The UK Government's aim is to reduce the risk from emergencies so that people can go about their business freely and with confidence.

The Civil Contingencies Secretariat sits within the Cabinet Office at the heart of central government and works in partnership with government departments, the devolved administrations and key stakeholders to enhance the UK's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies.

All organisations are vulnerable without proper pre-planning. Most don't take account of the effect bad weather might have on their business, do not realise the full implications of an IT or telecoms failure and do not consider the consequences of a flu pandemic. All of these have a major impact on the ability of a business to 'do its business' – but how many actually plan to protect their staff, customers and infrastructure against such incidents?

#### Some of the topics to be covered at this conference:

- **Understand** the Government's advice and strategy for emergency planning
- **Hear** Audit Scotland's report "Improving Civil Contingency Planning in Scotland"
- **Examine** real life emergency case studies
- **Learn** the media's perspective on the handling of the Glasgow Airport terror attacks of 2007
- **Think** creatively about how these issues affect you and your organisation

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