

## Forward by Chief Constable



As a dedicated, specialist force British Transport Police's (BTP) purpose is to protect and serve passengers, staff and the railway. Over the years, we have built up a wealth of experience in responding to major incidents – both those unique to our environment and those which have affected the wider community.

Each major incident has its unique features, and we have learned the lessons from each and refined our procedures accordingly, and as a consequence BTP possesses a wealth of skills and expertise within the workforce to enable us to respond professionally and effectively to any emergency.

This manual combines the experience and lessons learned into a practical and useful guide. Reading this should enable you to:

Know what your role is and understand how you should respond.

Understand how BTP interacts with our emergency service partners and other responding agencies.

Being prepared will ensure we deliver an effective emergency response – saving lives and safeguarding the vital infrastructure of the country.

Please take the time to read this manual and understand the part you will be expected to play in an emergency.

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