

BTP Gold Commander

- Rank : Normally a Superintendent or above
- Role : To determine and direct the strategy and policy of the operation and support functions in respect of BTP
- Reports to : ACC or Area Commander (as appropriate to circumstances)

Responsibilities are:

- Assume overall command of an incident
- Set, review and update strategy, and relay to Silver
- Define policy and responsibilities between BTP and local police
- Liaise with the other responding agencies as required, and ensure the attendance at Gold meetings by the designated attendees
- Ensure there is a robust command and control structure
- Agree a media strategy, and arrange for the control of information to the media through BTP's media department
- Liaise with other partners including the Railway Industry, HSE, RAIB, DfT as necessary
- Appraise the Chief Constable (or Deputy) as necessary
- Ratify and review the Silver Commander's tactical plan
- Maintain audit trails for recording strategy and decisions
- Ensure financial controls are in place
- Commission a CIA to determine a Community Reassurance Strategy and consider usage of Independent Advisory Group
- Consider resilience and wider Business Continuity arrangements
- Ensure that appropriate Health & Safety and welfare measures are in place in liaison with the Wellbeing Manager
- Ensure that the recovery process starts from the outset and, when required, establish a Recovery Working Group