OUTREACH RESCUE



WATER & FLOOD INCIDENT MANAGER (WFIM)

Goal:

To train incident commanders to identify, select, develop and manage appropriate tactical and operational plans in water and flood environments.

Target group:

Personnel required to advise or command at water and flood incidents at a tactical or operational level.

Highlights:

- Equips commanders with critical water incident management skills.
- Updated to align with DEFRA FRCO 2025 learning outcomes
- Classroom-based course with practical case study integration.

DEFRA Mod 5 WFIM

Course length

30 hours (4 days)

Instructor

2:12

Period of validity

3 years

Certification

Outreach Rescue Certificate of Achievement

Venue

Any suitable classroom

Description

This four-day course is aimed at personnel who are required to advise or command at water and flood incidents at a tactical and/or operational level. Note that this course includes all the learning outcomes of the Team Commander 2-day course enabling the Mod 5 holder to operate as the Team Commander within a team, or at the tactical level overseeing multiple teams. The course covers the DEFRA Flood Rescue Concept of Operations for training Module 5, providing a firm foundation of knowledge through classroom lectures, online training material, presentations and table-top exercises. Delegates will learn about water rescue team resources and capabilities, multi-team search management, mass evacuation, welfare consideration for extended and large-scale operations, communication, incident management considerations, clear effective briefing and debriefing, crime scene and body recovery considerations, national water safety policies, the Civil Contingencies act, incident planning including interpretation of forecasts and forecasting flooding events and distribution. Delegates are issued a pre-course reading list and are given a subject knowledge quiz to complete, which is reviewed throughout the course.

Compliance:

DEFRA FRCO 2025 Module 5

Previous knowledge:

In-date Mod 2 OR Mod 3 compliant award with in-date CPD and recertification. It is beneficial to have access to Resilience Direct and the Met Office Hazard Manager online facilities. Having a knowledge of Incident Command and JESIP is highly beneficial.

Requirements:

Age 18+. Delegates will require a laptop computer

Progression:

Reassessment is recommended every 2 years by means of a 2 day recertification course. This course satisfies Module 'Water Incident Manager (5088EXQ)' for the Diploma in Specialist Rescue and is worth 30 credits.

Theoretical elements:

- Classroom lectures and presentations covering water rescue team resources and capabilities, multi-team search management, mass evacuation, welfare consideration for extended and large-scale operations, communication, incident management considerations, clear effective briefing and debriefing, crime scene and body recovery considerations, national water safety policies, the Civil Contingencies act, incident planning including interpretation of forecasts and forecasting flooding events and distribution.
- Delegates are issued a workbook and a personal reflection which is completed throughout the course and is assessed along with a written examination.
- Expect between 30 minutes and 60 minutes of homework to complete each evening in the workbook.

Practical elements:

- Whilst this course is classroom based, practical table-top exercises are conducted to put the theory into practice through simulations to confirm learning.