1. Policy statement

The Police Federation of England and Wales believes that officers must be provided with equipment and training that is fit for purpose.

This has a fundamental impact on the Service’s national Chemical, Biological and Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) resource resilience and is critical to supporting social cohesion and public reassurance.

2. Responsibility

The INB is responsible for all policy formation.

3. Summary

PFEW believes that the provision of equipment and training that is fit for purpose by Chief Constables has a fundamental impact on the Service’s capability to respond to a CBRN event.

PFEW believes that ensuring initial capacity and capability to respond to a CBRN event is not sufficient; Chief Constables must ensure that more frequent contextualised refresher training is provided to reduce skill decay and increase the confidence of staff. Such an approach would improve the Service’s capacity to respond to a CBRN event.

The College of Policing should set clear standards and targets for refresher training including a robust nationally monitored quality assurance process.

4. Procedures/implementation

PFEW through the Operational Policing Sub-Committee will work with the College of Policing to understand evolving threats to public safety and help the Service to build the necessary capability and capacity to ensure an effective response to a CBRN event.

PFEW will seek to influence the work of the Police National Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Centre to ensure that the UK police resilience in responding to CBRN terrorism is maintained

Responsibility is delegated to the General Secretary and/or appropriate sub-committee.
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Signed by:

Chairman

General Secretary