



Cleveland Emergency Planning Unit

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Welcome to the first edition of the
CEPU newsletter!

The Unit provides a civil contingencies, resilience and emergency planning service to the four local authorities in the former Cleveland area. Our role is to ensure the local authorities are prepared to respond to emergencies and to support the emergency services and the community. To this end we maintain and test the Major Incident Plan for each authority.

Contingency plans are prepared for a range of hazards in our community including large scale events, industrial accidents and flooding in cooperation with organisations such as the Environment Agency, local businesses, volunteer groups and the emergency services. The Unit also incorporates the Emergency Planning Officers from Cleveland Police, Cleveland Fire Brigade and the North East Ambulance Service making it a unique arrangement. This approach ensures strong partnership working with excellent co-operation and sharing of information.

Hartlepool Tall Ships 2010

WITH 59 Tall Ships in attendance visitors flocked to Hartlepool in August in their tens of thousands. In addition to the Tall Ships there were four days of free live music with bands such as Ocean Colour Scene.

CEPU was heavily involved in the planning for the event over the past 3 years, chairing the Safety Advisory Group, writing the Event Control, Safety and Emergency plan and organising exercises to test the plans in the run up to the event. During the event itself members of the team operated in Event Control keeping an overview of events and advising on matters of safety and contingencies when required.



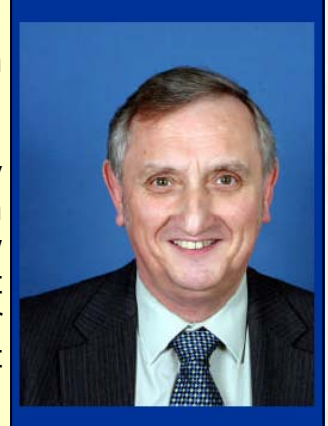
*The newsletter covering emergency planning for Middlesbrough,
Stockton, Hartlepool, and Redcar and Cleveland*



CEPO Represents UK at Madrid Conference

DENIS Hampson, the Chief Emergency Planning Officer for Cleveland, shared his expertise at a major European Commission conference in Spain in June, along with other speakers from France, Belgium and Spain.

He addressed over 100 delegates from across Europe at a two-day seminar in Madrid which aimed to share experiences and best practice on managing emergencies and protecting communities. Denis explained how plans in Cleveland are devised and then tested. Denis said "It was a great privilege to represent the UK at such a prominent event. It shows that our area has built up a good reputation for the work that we do ensuring that effective plans are in place to deal with risks and protect the public."



CEPU Attends Stockton Summer Show

AUGUST saw Emergency Planning Officers attending the Stockton Summer Show as part of the Units responsibilities under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 to advise the public of hazards in their local area.

Members of the public received CEPU "goodie bags" full of information and advice of what to do in the event of an emergency such as flooding and severe weather, as well as some lollipops!

CEPU Website

CEPU has its own website which contains much more information about the Unit. You can visit us at:

www.clevelandemergencyplanning.info

Middlesbrough Town Centre Evacuation

AS part of our resilience planning, an Evacuation Plan has now been produced in conjunction with Cleveland Police to inform businesses and the public of what might happen in the event of an evacuation being required from a particular area of the town centre. This plan is intended to assist with the management of an evacuation and to inform businesses how they can plan and ensure business continuity.

It is proposed that an information booklet will be distributed to residents and business in the evacuation zones. As well as the Evacuation Plan, a map detailing the numbered zones in the town centre will be distributed to enable residents and businesses to identify the zone where they live or work.

Yorkshire Regiment March

JUNE saw the 2nd Battalion the Yorkshire Regiment march through Redcar to mark the troops return from Afghanistan and receive a very warm welcome from thousands of local people. Senior Emergency Planning Officer Rachael Campbell, involved in Event Control helping to oversee the smooth running of the event, said "The event was a huge success and everyone had a great day welcoming the troops home."

Exercise Slic

CEPU tested the Multi-Agency Marine Pollution plan in October. Exercise Slic, tested the response to a marine pollution incident on the beaches and River Tees Estuary and involved the Environment Agency, Conservation Agencies, Harbour Master, Emergency Services, Local Authorities and Chemical Industrial Operators. The exercise included a live response and deployment of booms in the Tees Estuary as well as the establishment of command centres. Tim Shurmer, author of the plan stated: "It's great to see the level of commitment from all agencies including our industrial partners."

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