

Name of Organisation	Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service
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What effect did the adverse weather have on your organisation?	<p>The adverse weather had a massive effect on RBFRS. As part of the major incident managed by the TVLRF, RBFRS received more Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) national assets than any other fire service in the UK. The flooding event that affected Berkshire and other areas of the UK gave rise to the largest mobilisation of FRS since the Second World War.</p> <p>RBFRS is in the final stages of producing a report on the flooding of 2014, with many examples centred events in West Berkshire. I am the author of that report and it will be available for partnership consumption by October.</p>
What plans did your organisation have in place beforehand to help manage the impact of the severe weather?	<p>RBFRS works closely with TVLRF partners and as such it was aware of the 'generic' flood plans that were in place. In addition, the service had formulated its own plans which centred on the availability of fire crews and specialist equipment.</p> <p>There was however no 'area specific' plans that gave detailed prior intelligence of what to expect for any given area during widespread flooding.</p> <p>My report calls for these and indeed I have begun working with WBC's Civil Contingencies Manager on these recently.</p>
Of the actions that you had planned, what worked well?	<p>Having appliances and equipment moved to flood hit communities worked well, but the whole event became far more involved than these plans catered for requiring decisions and actions to be made without reference to plans.</p> <p>What did work exceptionally well was the WB Tactical Coordinating Group that was chaired by TVP.</p>

	This alongside the excellent work undertaken by WB's EOC were major success factors
What worked less well or would you change for future events and why?	The lack of detailed pre planning meant that decision where being made in response to events rather than in preparation for them. Luckily, the TCG was very adept at making such decisions but an awful lot of preparation work could have been in place given prior knowledge of previous flooding events e.g. the 2007 floods.
What changes, if any, were made to your plan in response to events and what effect did they have?	None. Any predetermined plans were quickly superseded by events.
Please outline any other comments that you may have for the Commission.	