



Tactical Commander Course

Developing command skills to drive emergency response capability



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*It has given me the skills
and confidence to think clearly
about responding to emergency
situations.”*

Sharpen Your Leadership Strengthen Your Response

Your organisation is unique – and so is our accredited emergency response training.

What makes our training different is that the skills and competencies we teach are just as relevant in day-to-day business as they are in emergencies. Decision-making, communication, teamwork, leadership, and planning are crucial not only in crisis situations but also for effective operational management.

Our training ensures that participants remain competent, capable, and confident when responding to emergencies and operational challenges. Unlike standard emergency response training, our Tactical Commander Course translates theoretical principles into practical tools.

This course is designed for professionals across industries who need to effectively manage tactical-level incidents and crises. Fully accredited by Skills for Justice (SFJ) and aligned with National Occupational Standards (NOS), this training ensures competency in incident response, decision-making under pressure, and leadership in complex scenarios. By integrating JESIP principles, participants will develop the skills to work with emergency services during high-pressure incidents.



Setting the standard with NHS Morecambe Bay

Berwicks delivered a Tactical Commander Course to staff at University Hospitals Morecambe Bay (UHMB). With practical exercises tailored to UHMB risks, participants were immersed in Trust-specific scenarios that gave them greater understanding of their role and how the Trust might respond to issues.

This tactical commander training formed part of a wider strategy to develop UHMB on-call capability at tactical and strategic levels. A bespoke Strategic Development Day brought the executive team closer, developed skills, identified gaps, and confirmed the guiding principles of the Trust's on-call responders. Our third-party perspective, coupled with background in dealing with high-risk, emergency and crisis situations allowed us to offer fresh insight into the Trust's alignment.

“The best tactical command course we have ever had. Practical skills that will make both the Trust and myself better at responding to serious incidents.”

Course Attendee, University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay

“Incredible experience, 17 years of health and safety / leadership courses and this has been the best one yet... The experience and knowledge shared was truly inspiring.”

Course Attendee, Rolls-Royce

Tactical Commander Course

Developed in response to a need for hands-on, problem-solving training, these courses are essential for any staff involved in emergency response or incident management teams.

Our course facilitators create a safe, immersive learning environment, ensuring that participants gain hands-on experience and real-world application of tactical command skills.

- Up to 10 attendees per course
- Exercises based on example scenarios directly relevant to your organisation.
- At least one opportunity for every attendee to lead an exercise.

Course objectives:

- 1 Interpret information** to develop awareness and assess challenges in dynamic situations.
- 2 Identify objectives, priorities, and courses of action** to respond.
- 3 Use standard and informal techniques** for communicating information.
- 4 Develop teamwork and leadership skills** to collaborate and build confidence.

WHAT YOU GET



Challenging and experiential learning



Face-to-face and interactive



Skills for Justice Awards



2-day course



Delivered on-site



Inspiring confidence in leaders

The Berwicks approach

At Berwicks, we shape mindsets through action.

For over 20 years, Berwicks has been a leader in developing resilience in high-hazard, high-consequence, and highly regulated environments. Our extensive work across these sectors has shaped a training approach that goes beyond compliance, embedding the mindset, decision-making ability, and operational effectiveness required to lead under pressure.

We set the benchmark for excellence, delivering training that is unmatched in its depth, realism, and strategic impact. Our methodologies ensure that organisations are not just compliant but fully prepared to lead and respond decisively in high-risk situations.

“ At the start of the course I was very nervous of any possible incident happening on site, and was low on confidence. That has all changed after this course and I now feel so much more capable of dealing with any issues. ”

Course Attendee, Sherwin Williams



“ Unanimous responses indicated a fantastic and incredibly engaging experience... The content, pace, activities and most importantly the trainers were world class. ”

Course Attendee, Rolls-Royce



Berwicks trainers

We are not just trainers; we are seasoned professionals who have led emergency responses in some of the most complex and demanding environments. Our team's background spans emergency services, military, healthcare, and high-hazard industries, ensuring that our training is practical, realistic, and directly applicable to real-world operational challenges.

FIND OUT MORE



Eddie Ball

Director of Training, Berwicks

Eddie has 40 years of operational command experience in the Fire & Rescue Service, with extensive expertise in risk assessment, command and control, critical incident management, hazardous material response, decontamination, and business continuity. Having held senior Fire Service roles, he brings a strategic and operational perspective to emergency management, ensuring those he trains are fully prepared to lead in high-pressure situations.



Jonny Price

Director of Risk & Resilience, Berwicks

Jonny advises leaders in high-consequence organisations who need to know whether their governance, plans and teams will perform when it matters. He brings a rare combination: military experience of decisions under pressure, academic grounding in risk and resilience, and deep practical expertise in nuclear and high-hazard environments. The result is support that is honest, realistic and genuinely useful.

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