

Tony Thompson

Summary

An independent UK consultant providing consultancy and training in safety, security, and crisis management, with a focus on preparing for, responding to, and recovering from large-scale mass casualty emergencies.

Director of OTHO, a UK-based company specialising in security and crisis management.

<https://www.otho.uk>

Current

Design and deliver aviation security and crisis management courses for the Joint Aviation Authorities Training Organisation (JAA TO) in Amsterdam.

<https://jaato.com/courses/664/aviation-security-risk-and-crisis-management/>

Work with the Rotterdam School of Management in The Netherlands as part of an international consortium developing an international security master's degree and other products as part of the European Union's Erasmus Plus programme.

<https://www.ism-ka.eu/index.php/en/>

Member of the Advisory Council for the International Security Expo which will be held in London on 2-3 December 2020.

<https://www.internationalsecurityexpo.com/supporters/advisory-council>

Member of the Advisory Council for the International Disaster Response Expo which will be held in London on 2-3 December 2020.

<https://www.disasterresponseexpo.com/supporters/advisory-council>

Member of the Advisory Board for a European Union project known as SAURON - a critical infrastructure protection project which will help European port authorities and operators protect cargo and people against cyber and physical attacks.

<https://www.sauronproject.eu/>

Fellow of the Institute of Civil Protection and Emergency Management and a member of its Executive Council

<https://www.theicpem.net/>

Emergency Preparedness and Response Adviser to the National Performance Advisory Group of the NHS Resilience Development Network

<http://www.npag.org.uk/our-services/benchmarking-clubs-best-value-groups/resilience-development-network/>

Coordinated arrangements for the twentieth anniversary memorial events for the Ladbroke Grove train disaster on 5th October 2019 and memorial site improvements.

<https://www.lg20.org.uk/>

Previous Roles

2015-2018

Chair of the Emergency Planning Society

www.the-eps.org

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2011-2012

**Quality Manager: Al Noor Hospital
Al Ain City, UAE**

Member of Executive Committee of large multi-site private hospital with responsibility for patient safety, regulatory compliance and quality management across all hospital facilities and external clinics.

2008-2011

**Principal Consultant in Security Risk and Emergency Management
Abu Dhabi, UAE**

Delivered a security risk management project for the Critical National Infrastructure Authority (CNIA).

2005-2008

**Head of UK Emergency Response & Resilience
British Red Cross, London**

Strategic responsibility for emergency preparedness and response for 2,800 staff and 30,000 volunteers:

Operational command role in major UK emergencies – strategic lead for British Red Cross in London bombings 2005 and member of Strategic Coordinating Group at New Scotland Yard for 7th July and 21st July terrorist attacks.

Worked with HM Government to set up national disaster fund providing financial payments to British nationals affected by acts of terrorism abroad. Provided humanitarian support to British nationals in disasters and terrorist acts abroad, managed and deployed special response teams to support the UK Government's overseas commitments, and deployed to Thailand (2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami) and Pakistan (2005 earthquake).

Designed health, safety, security and risk assessment procedures and training for Red Cross psychosocial support team operating world-wide in hostile locations.

Developed strategic plans to ensure that the British Red Cross met the requirements of the UK Civil Contingencies Act 2004.

Media spokesman on all matters related to UK emergency response

2003-2005

**Deputy Director, Head of Regional Resilience Team
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Government Office, Bristol**

Created by the UK Government in 2003, regional teams improved civil protection in the English regions. They did this by encouraging co-operation between the emergency services, armed forces, HM Coastguard, local authorities, emergency responders, and operators of the critical national infrastructure, including airports and railway systems. The team provided a two-way communications channel between the region and central London.

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Established the Regional Resilience Forum for South West England - the lead strategic multi-agency planning forum for coordinating response to major emergencies including CBRN and nuclear incidents.

Initiated a regional forum for key representatives of the critical national infrastructure to develop procedures for cooperation and coordination in response to major emergencies and terrorist attacks.

Coordinated emergency planning arrangements for major emergencies at international airports, ports, and railway stations in South West England.

In 2004, led and coordinated the UK Government response to major flood in Boscastle, Cornwall.

2002-2003

Disaster Management Consultant UK and overseas

Self-employed consultant specialising in crisis and disaster management

1970-2002

British Transport Police

32 years' police service on the UK's docks, railways, and London Underground. Held rank of police superintendent from 1985 to 2002, with extensive strategic management and operational command experience.

- Assessed security and emergency preparedness of UK airports and major rail terminals, through emergency procedures exercises and qualitative reviews.
- Worked closely with the Health and Safety Executive.
- Member of UK Police Major Disaster Advisory Team for 10-year period.
- Developed and conducted counter terrorism and security procedures.
- Conducted analyses of threats and criminal offences, prepared detailed statistical reports relating to public transport.
- Responsible for Royal Train and VIP security.
- Commandant of British Transport Police training centre.
- Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Transport (Western Section), UK representing land, sea, and air transport sectors.
- Chairman of the British Transport Police Superintendents' Association.

Command roles at many of Britain's major rail incidents, including Clapham Junction (1988), Severn Tunnel (1991), Cowden (1994), Ladbroke Grove (1999), Hatfield (2000), Great Heck (Selby) 2001, and Potters Bar (2002).

1966-1969

Royal Air Force (UK)

Qualifications

- MSc degree in Civil Emergency Management – University of Hertfordshire (1993)
- Law degree LLB(Hons) – University of the West of England (1999)
- NEBOSH International General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (2012)