



Harm's Way

Policy

1. Introduction

1.1 The aim of this policy and associated guidance is not to be prescriptive or define the Harm's Way threshold, as the decision to intervene in high risk situations must rely upon the judgment and integrity of the individual officer, taking account of all the variables in circumstances, the facts available to them at the time and the perceived risk.

Policy Statement

2.. Harm's Way Principle

- 2.1 There is an overarching principle that the primary role of a police officer is to safeguard life. The Code of Ethics and public expectation define the personal obligations upon officers to put themselves at risk of harm and to take meaningful action where possible to protect the public.
- 2.2 It may also include a decision to deploy officers to an incident where they are not ideally equipped, based on assessment of threat, harm and risk using the National Decision Model with the priority to protect the public.

3. Policy

- 3.1 This principle places a fundamental duty upon Police Officers to protect life. They are expected to shoulder reasonable risk and do all they can to mitigate that risk.
- 3.2 Sustainable public safety will be at the heart of any successful resolution.

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