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THE CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

The Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) is a specialist armed police force in charge of protecting civil nuclear sites, nuclear materials in England, Scotland, Wales, dedicated to the civil nuclear industry, operating under the strategic direction of the Department of Energy and Climate Change(DECC). The Energy Act received Royal Assent in July 2004 and created a new Civil Nuclear Police Authority to oversee a reconstituted nuclear constabulary evolve from the previous United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority Constabulary. This Act created the Civil Nuclear Constabulary which was established in April 2005. Armed police services are required at most civil nuclear sites in the UK and the CNC has units based at 15 sites in England, Scotland and Wales and employs just over 1,500 police officers and staff. The majority of officers in the CNC are authorised firearms officers.

Defend and protect The CNC's mission statement is to defend and protect those sites to which it is deployed, with a view to denying unauthorised access to nuclear material and, if necessary, recover control of any nuclear material which may have been lost to any unauthorised persons. It is also committed to the safe and secure movement of nuclear material within the UK and internationally. In protecting its sites, the CNC works in partnership with the appropriate Home Office or Scottish police force and policing services required at each site are agreed with nuclear operators in accordance with the Nuclear Industries Security Regulations 2003 and ratified by the UK regulator, the Office for Civil Nuclear Security. Security is kept under constant review. Changes to operational tactics are frequent and irregular due to a range of factors and in order to limit the predictability of the police response to any incident.

Programme New Dawn 2013 marked the completion of a wide ranging review of the Constabulary's capability and capacity which was conducted against the CNC's Mission Statement and

informed by the continuing and uncompromising nature of the terrorist threat. The review was supported by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabularies, and identified a number of areas for improvement. A detailed implementation plan designed to address these, together with a new concept of operations that set out the way in which the Constabulary would deliver the operational effect required to mitigate the threat, were presented to and by the Authority. In February 2013, the Police Authority agreed the funding within to address a number of approved recommendations to uplift and enhance the capability and capacity of the Constabulary in firearms management, training and tactics, and the procurement of equipment, assets and weaponry. This ongoing programme of improvement is called Programme New Dawn. Richard Thompson, chief constable of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary said: "New Dawn is a three year rolling programme of continuous improvement. This new programme focuses on the wide range of improvements identified in the previous year's review designed to enhance its capability." "These, in the main, have flowed from the development of new tactical doctrine that is more appropriate and relevant to our Mission. Upgrading and uplifting the type, quality and frequency of firearms, first aid and Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) training, strengthening our command and control systems and deploying improved equipment and ammunition.

The future of the CNC In its Strategic Policing Plan 2014-2017 the Civil Nuclear Police Authority sets out its aims and objectives to ensure the CNC keeps up-to-date with new counterterrorist measures and is fully equipped to defend civil nuclear sites. The specific policing aims set out by the CNC in the plan include increasing operational capability and capacity through the provision of enhanced command and control, preparation for changes in operating geography given current and future decommissioning and new build proposals and working towards the CNC being recognised as a provider of a world class armed response and policing capability for both licensed nuclear sites and for nuclear material in transit. Richard Thompson continued: "The CNC has successfully protected nuclear material within the UK for over six years. In that time, officers have been deployed for 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and the CNC has grown both in size and resource.

“The successful completion and implementation of the aims outlined in the Policing Plan are essential if the CNC is to continue to provide the nuclear industry, the government and the public with the reassurance that it is truly ‘fit for purpose’ and is in a position to meet its future, as well as its existing, challenges.”

Список використаних джерел

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