

# LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES' EMERGENCY RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS



# Who we are

- 32 Local Authorities + City of London Corporation
- All independent Unitary Authorities
- Category 1 Responders defined by the CCA (2004)
  - 6 Statutory duties + duty to promote BC

# LA Role in Emergencies

- providing support for the emergency services;
- providing support and care for the local and wider community;
- using resources to mitigate the effects of an emergency; and
- leading the recovery stage.

# What we do in emergencies

## ■ **Professional resources**

- technical and engineering advice;
- building control;
- highways services; and
- public health and environmental issues.

## ■ **Physical resources**

- provision of reception centres;
- Accommodation and housing needs; and
- transport.

# What we do in emergencies (2)

- **Caring** (Welfare support to those affected and the wider community)
  - social services;
  - psychosocial support;
  - helplines; and
  - welfare and financial needs.

# Borough LA response

- Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO)
  - required to attend Tactical Coordination meetings, or the FCP if established, to represent the local authority;
  - the link between the incident and the Borough Emergency Control Centre; and
  - in possession of effective communications with senior levels of the local authority.

# Borough LA response

- Borough Emergency Control Centre (BECC)
  - Remote from the scene
  - Liaise with the LALO
  - Coordinate the Council's response
- Provide single point of contact for the council
- Identify local resource capacity/capability.
- Determine local tactical options/plans
- Interpret and implement regional tactical plans

# Regional LA response

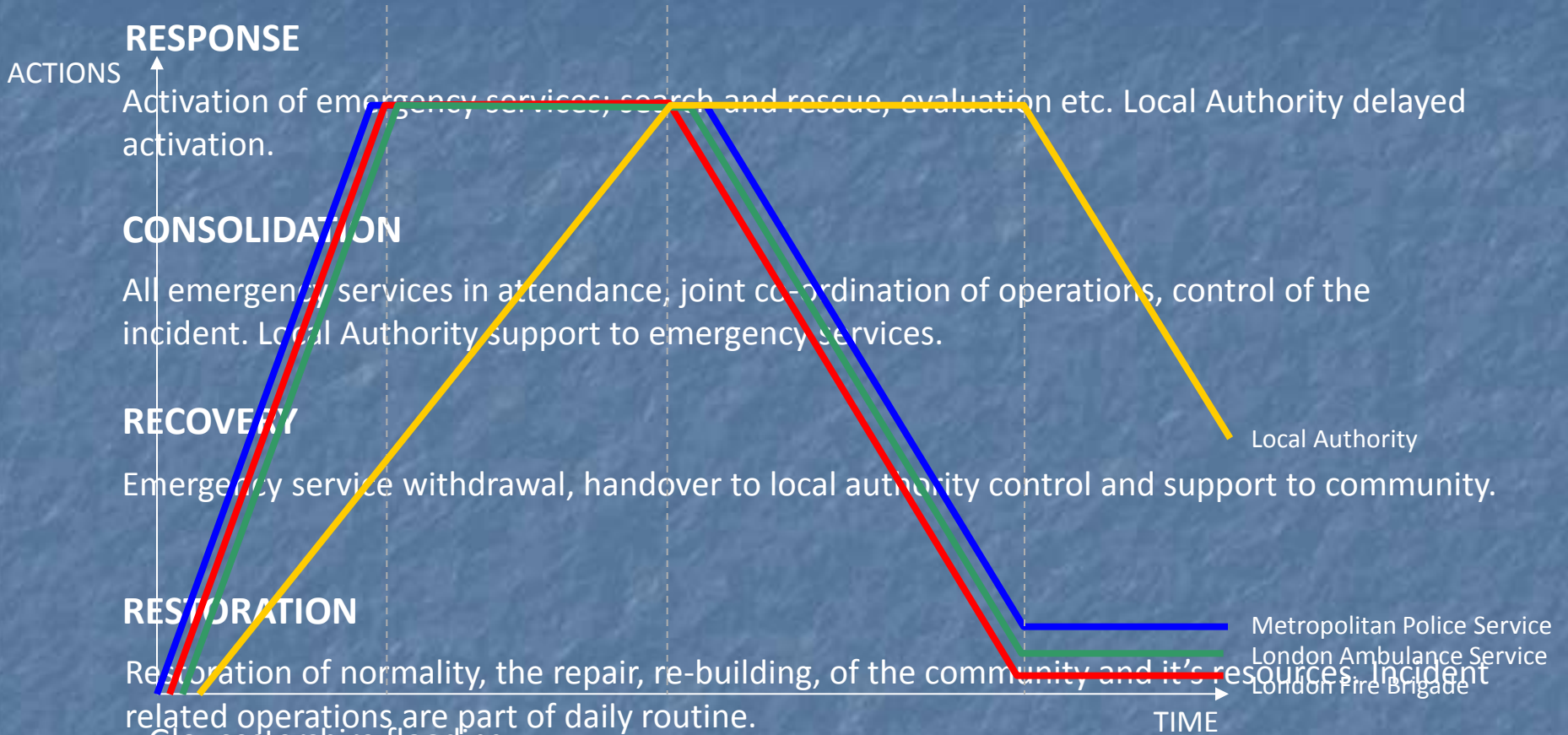
- London Local Authority Gold (LLAG)
  - Formulate Regional Local Authority Strategy
  - Advise the emergency services and other agencies of LA issues and capabilities
  - Initiate the Recovery Cell
  - Make strategic resource allocations of London's LA assets



# Regional LA response

- London Local Authority Coordination Centre (LLACC)
  - Provide a link between LLAG and all London Boroughs
  - Activate London's Local Authorities
  - Provide LLAG with a clear assessment of the status and needs of London's Local Authorities
  - Collate information from Boroughs
  - Identification of Local Authority resources
  - Coordinate Mutual Aid requests

# Incident Phases



Gloucestershire flooding

18 days

9 months

2 years

Buncefield

5 days

7 months

1 year

Questions?