

Hazardous Area Response Team - Initial Training

Aims and Objectives

Core Target Audience

This course is aimed at ambulance staff, that have the necessary qualifications and skills that have been selected by their Trusts to be trained in order to operate as part of a Hazardous Area Response Team.

Students will be expected to undergo practical assessments of their competency whilst wearing PPE. It is therefore incumbent on the student to ensure they have a fitness level commensurate with the demands of the course. The minimum fitness requirements are those demonstrated in the physical competency assessments (PCA) conducted during the selection process.

The objectives outlined below are generic for the HART training courses (PPE, USAR, and IRU). Specific aims and objectives, for each course and individual training sessions, are available from specific course literature.

Overall Aim

To equip staff with the required knowledge, understanding and practical skills in order to perform HART duties within an inner cordon.

Expected Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course students should be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the background to HART
- Demonstrate an understanding of the threat from terrorism in the UK
- Define the social and health protection impacts of a HART event
- Define the organisations that would influence HART deployment
- Demonstrate an understanding of the roles and interactions with partner agencies
- Demonstrate operational competency whilst wearing HART PPE
- Demonstrate competence in the deployment and use of HART vehicles and equipment
- Demonstrate competence in JRCALC procedures relevant to HART deployments
- Understand the theory of call types
- Demonstrate understanding of operational procedures
- Demonstrate an understanding of command and control protocols
- Demonstrate an understanding of incident log keeping
- Confirm knowledge and understanding of HART procedures via table top confirmation exercising and scenarios.