

Decision Logs

What?

Why?

Who?

Where?

How?

When?



Decision Logs

- Incident Log
- Decision Log



Incident Log

Chronological record of events:

- Handwritten
- Computerised

Decision Log

Record of key decisions and reasons – usually handwritten

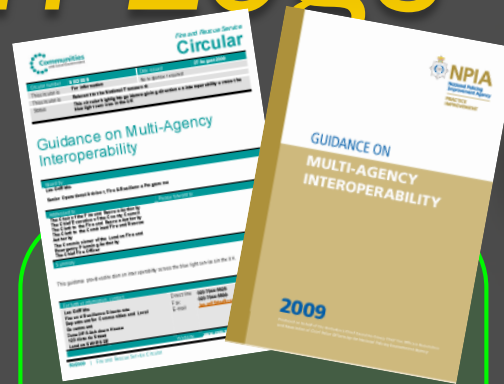
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Human Rights Act
1998

Law

- Accountability
- Statutory Need
- Duty of Care



Guidance

- ACPO
Multi Agency
Interoperability
*'to maintain audit
trail of decisions ..'*

Why?



Court

- Evidence
- Accuracy
- Weight

Decision Logs Who and Where?

Incident
Commanders



Scene or
Command
Centre

Decision Logs

- Date
- Time
- Decision

Establish inner cordon at 200 metres

- Reason
 - *Defined safety distance*
 - *Create safe working area*
 - *Control access and PPE*



Key Decisions ???

- Risk assessment
- Cordons
- Valve isolation
- Entry to premises
- Increase resources
- Command change

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General principle:

Notes to be used in evidence should be:

- 'contemporaneous' (made at the time), or
- compiled as soon as possible after the event

Section 139, Criminal Justice Act 2003

A person giving evidence in criminal proceedings may refresh his memory from a document made earlier if he confirms:

- *the document records his recollection of events, and*
- *recollection likely to be better then, than when giving evidence*