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# **SUPPORTING THE PRA RESPONSE to EMERGENCIES**

## **MEM NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

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# FORMAT

- Capacity to assist the PRA during severe weather emergencies.
  - Defence Forces capabilities.
  - Example of requests completed during Winter flooding 2015/2016.
  - Snapshot of assistance in one area.





# FORMAT

- Lessons Learned from the Winter flooding 2015/2016.
- Call out Procedures: Request for assistance proforma.
- How the “chain of command” works once a request is received.





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# CAPABILITIES TO ASSIST THE PRA

- Transportation
  - High-axle 4x4, 6x6 and 8x8 vehicles.
  - 4x4 ambulance vehicles.







# CAPABILITIES TO ASSIST THE PRA

- Engineering Assets
  - Flat Bottomed and Rigid Inflatable Boats.
  - Life Jackets.
  - Chainsaws.
  - High pressure water pumps
  - Mobile lighting units.
  - Generators.
  - Water Purification units.
  - Engineer Plant; Dump Trucks and Bulldozers.





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# CAPABILITIES TO ASSIST THE PRA

- Personnel



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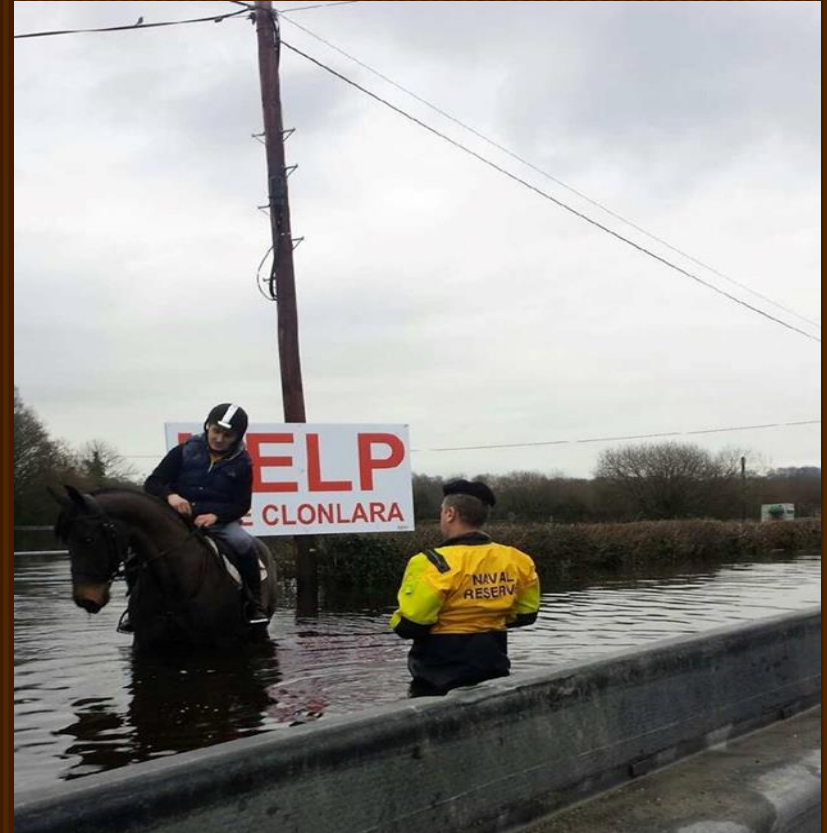
- Air Corps
  - Small fleet of eight light and medium lift twin engine helicopters.
  - Aerial reconnaissance.
  - Movement of essential personnel into inaccessible areas.
  - Movement of specialised equipment.
  - Movement of fodder for farm animals.
  - Limitation on helicopter operations.





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# NAVAL SERVICE



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## Example of Requests Completed During Winter Flooding 2015/2016.

- Building of flood defences.
- Provision of transportation for local communities (including a boat shuttle service in CLONLARA, Co. CLARE),
- Evacuation of personnel.





## Example of Requests Completed During Winter Flooding 2015/2016.

- Transportation of HSE personnel.
- Provision of transportation for school runs.
- Operation of water pumps.
- Provision of helicopters for flood reconnaissance, fodder delivery and VIP transportation.





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# Aerial Reconnaissance



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# LOCAL ASSISTANCE



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# LESSONS LEARNED

- ATCA Internal Seminar.
- Water Awareness Training.
- Training in conjunction with the Civil Defence.
- Engineering Review of DF equipment.
- New Request for Assistance Proforma.



# CALL OUT PROCEDURES

- Initial Request should be made to the Dept of Defence.
- Immediate Support through Duty Officers.
- List circulated with relevant contact numbers.
- Dept of Defence does not charge for support.

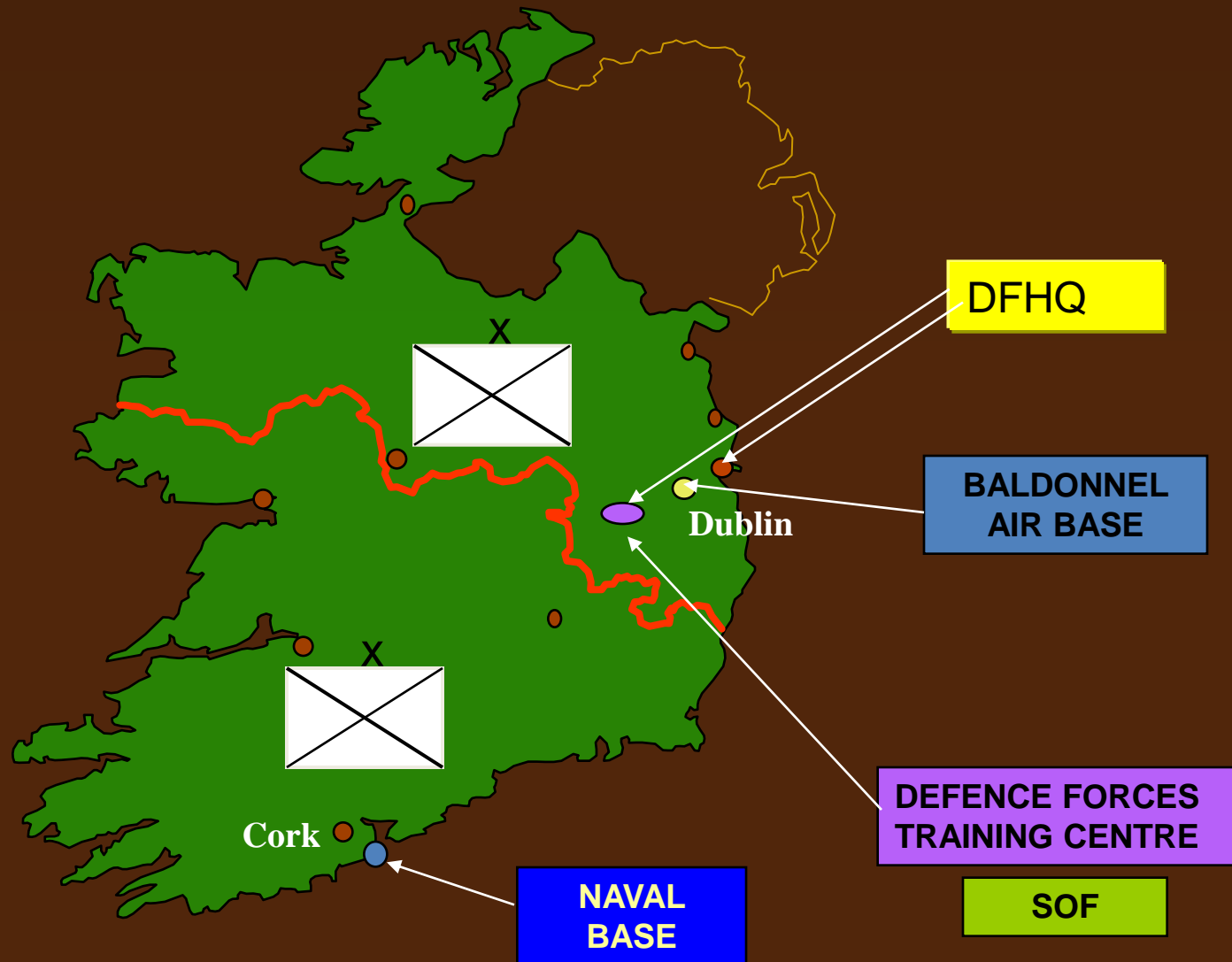




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# DEFENCE FORCES ORGANISATION

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# REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE PROFORMA

## REQUEST FOR DF ASSISTANCE

<b>Name (BLOCK CAPITALS)</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Grade/Title</b>		
<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>E mail address</b>	
<b>Name of Requesting Agency</b>		
<b>Address of Requesting Agency</b>		



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# REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE PROFORMA

GPS Co-ordinates

Address

Point of Contact- Name

Telephone Number

E mail address

Start (DD/MM/YY)

Estimated Finish (DD/MM/YY)

## DF SUPPORT REQUESTED

Transportation

Engineering Assets

Personnel

Aerial Reconnaissance-Air Corps

Naval Service





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