

COBRA – Britain's emergencies team

The Civil Contingencies Committee leading the response to the London bombings goes by the dramatic name of COBRA – named after Cabinet Office Briefing Room A where it tends to meet. The seniority of its members is intended to ensure coordination during a national emergency

Prime Minister
Tony Blair



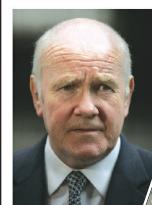
Home Secretary
Charles Clarke



Foreign Secretary
Jack Straw



Deputy PM
John Prescott



Defence Secretary
John Reid

Minister for the Cabinet Office,
John Hutton.
Coordinates policy



Amed Forces, Chief of Defence Staff
General Sir Michael Walker



Head of Civil Contingencies Secretariat, **Bruce Mann**

Head of **MI5** and **Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre**, **Dame Eliza Manningham-Buller**

Security and Intelligence Co-ordinator in Cabinet Office, **Bill Jeffery**



Metropolitan Police Commissioner
Sir Ian Blair

COBRA has met 8 times during Blair's tenure: To combat fuel strikes, 2000; foot and mouth outbreak; after 9/11 attacks, 2001; to combat street crime; response to strikes by firefighters, 2002; after car bombings in Turkey against British Consulate, 2003; London bus and tube bombings, Jul 7 / Jul 21, 2005

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