

# Sports Safety Conference – 24 March 2017

## AGENDA

- 10.00            Opening by **IAN MAYE, Deputy Secretary responsible for Community Cohesion Group in the Department for Communities.**
- Ian Maye's responsibilities include: Historic Environment Division, Public Record Office NI, Culture Division, Active Communities Division, Community Cohesion Capital Division and Voluntary & Community Division.
- 10.15-10.45    **ANDY MURPHY, Eventsec – The Stewarding Experience.**
- Andy Murphy is the Managing Director of Eventsec which is Northern Ireland's largest and most successful specialised security consultancy. The company has managed the security and crowd management operation at most of the largest events ever held in Ireland. These events have been attended by audiences as large as 150,000.
- 10.45-11.15    **DR DAVID MCMANUS, NI Ambulance Service – Event Planning & Management – The Ambulance Service Perspective.**
- Dr McManus qualified in medicine from Queen's University Belfast. After a career in primary care, during which he continued to work in ED, he was appointed as the first full-time Medical Director of NIAS where he is responsible for clinical governance, risk management and emergency planning. He has been involved in motorcycle sport for many years and is currently the Director of the FIM International Medical Commission.
- 11.15 – 12.00    **BRIAN MCNEILL, Systechnica Limited – The Impact of Unmanned Aircraft at Events.**
- Brian McNeill is a Technical Specialist in the field of Asset Protection from identified vulnerabilities, emerging threats and future threats.
- He is a Development and Research Scientist in understanding future attack methodology and the implementation of countermeasures.
- 12.00-1.00      **Lunch (with Drone demonstration).**

1.00-1.30

**GEOFF WILSON, Dundrod & District Motorcycle Club –  
Managing Safety at an International Motorcycle Road Race.**

Geoff Wilson is a Sports Strategist; Sports Marketing Expert; FIFA Consultant; UEFA A Coach Licence; Tourism NI Board Member and Part Time Lecturer at Queen’s University, Belfast.

1.30-2.00

**PROFESSOR CLIFFORD STOTT, Keele University – Crowd Behaviour**

Clifford Stott is Professor of Social Psychology at Keele University in Staffordshire. He specializes in understanding the nature and role of social identity processes and intergroup dynamics in crowd behaviour, ‘riots’, ‘hooliganism’ and public order policing. He is globally recognised as a leading academic authority of the policing of crowd events. He has been a scientific consultant for the UEFA European Championships in 2004 and 2012 and his work has informed policy and practice for a range of government and police organisations across the world.

2.00-2.30

**SUPERINTENDENT NIGEL GODDARD, PSNI –  
Policing at the UEFA 2016 European Championships.**

Superintendent Nigel Goddard is an experienced PSNI Public Order Commander, he is the Services strategic lead for the Policing of Football, and in this role has been responsible for developing a strategy to improve the partnership approach to football policing in Northern Ireland. In 2016 he was the Head of Delegation for the PSNI deployment to France as part of the international Policing operation supporting Euro 2016. He has experience in commanding significant public safety events, including the MTV Awards and Giro D’Italia.

2.30-2.45

**Q&A.**

2.45

Closing by **GEORGE LUCAS, Chair, Sport Northern Ireland.**

George Lucas was appointed Chair of Sport Northern Ireland on 1 February 2017. He was previously Managing Director of Corus Steel Ireland and Chair of Steel Company of Ireland. He is the current Chair of the Ulster Branch of Tennis Ireland.