TRAINING COURSE

2 TO 3 DECEMBER 2026 · EVESHAM

Asset Commander

Calm head. Clear command.

A two-day course for flood rescue team leaders, built to the Defra Asset Commander module. Learn to read the risk, brief your team, work with other agencies and bring everyone home safely.

FORMAT	STANDARD	ENTRY	PLACES
Two days, classroom based	Defra Flood Rescue Concept of Operations 2025	In-date Defra Module 2, 3 or 4	Up to 12

About the course

When a flood rescue asset is deployed, one person leads it on the ground: reading the risk as it changes, briefing the team, keeping in touch with command and making sure everyone comes home. Asset Commander trains that person.

The course delivers the Defra Training Module: Asset Commander, set out in the Defra Flood Rescue Concept of Operations 2025. It covers all 22 Defra learning outcomes and is taught by an in-date Defra Module 5 Instructor.

It is a strong development step for team leaders ahead of the winter flood season, and helps commanders from different organisations work to the same standard and language on the ground.

Who it is for

- Team leaders, and people ready to step up to lead, in fire and rescue services
- Police and ambulance HART teams working with flood assets
- Council emergency planning teams and Local Resilience Forums
- Voluntary, lowland and mountain flood rescue teams, including teams on the Defra Flood Rescue National Asset Register

Entry requirement

An in-date Defra Module 2, 3 or 4 that matches the asset you will command: Module 4 for a type B (boat) asset, Module 3 for type C (technician) and Module 2 for type D (first responder).

What the course covers

Day 1 builds the knowledge. On Day 2 you put it into practice, leading an asset through a realistic multi-agency scenario.

DAY 1 · WED 2 DEC

Command and risk

How flood rescue is organised, incident command within JESIP, communications and dynamic risk assessment.

Knowledge check at the end of the day

DAY 2 · THU 3 DEC

Leading the asset

Briefing with IIMARCH, decision logs, search, rescue and evacuation, welfare and handover.

Assessed tabletop exercise

AFTER THE COURSE

Staying current

Your certificate, at least 4 hours of CPD a year, and recertification every 3 years.

We can help with CPD and recertification

How you learn

The course is taught in person, in a classroom, with no water work. Short presentations are followed by discussion and practical command exercises. Two instructors deliver every course, and groups are capped at 12, so everyone gets time to lead.

What each day covers

Both days run from 09:00 to 17:00, with breaks and lunch. The order of topics may change a little on the day.

1 Command and risk

Wednesday 2 December

Morning	Welcome. How flood rescue is organised: the Civil Contingencies Act, the Flood Rescue Concept of Operations 2025, asset types, the National Asset Register and credentialing
	Incident command: JESIP, command levels, decision making on scene, and helmet and light identification
Afternoon	Communications and the first message from scene, using M/ETHANE and the Joint Decision Model
	Dynamic risk assessment, risk appetite, zoning and the right PPE for each zone
	Knowledge check and recap

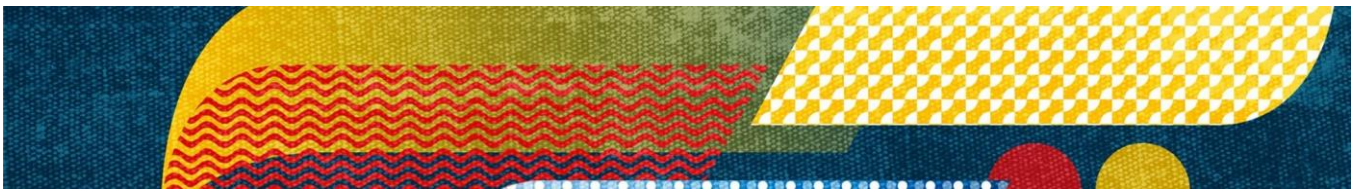
2 Leading the asset

Thursday 3 December

Morning	Briefing your team with IIMARCH, keeping a decision log and handing over safely
	Search tasking and debriefing, rescue and evacuation
	Urban, rural and night operations
Afternoon	Looking after your team: welfare, accidents within the asset, body recovery and closing down an incident
	Assessed tabletop exercise: command a flood rescue asset from arriving at the rendezvous point to standing down
	Results, feedback and next steps

Built to the national standard

The course follows the Asset Commander module in the 2025 Defra Flood Rescue Concept of Operations and meets its minimum hours, instructor and ratio requirements.



Assessment and your certificate

There is a short knowledge check at the end of Day 1. On Day 2 you take turns to command a flood rescue asset through a realistic tabletop exercise while the instructor assesses you.

When you pass, you receive the **Asset Commander certificate** for the asset type that matches your module. To stay current, Defra asks for at least 4 hours of CPD a year, recertification every 3 years, and keeping your Module 2, 3 or 4 in date.

Course details

Dates	Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 December 2026
Times	09:00 to 17:00 each day
Venue	SLSGB training venue, Evesham, Worcestershire
Delivered by	In-date Defra Module 5 Instructors
Group size	Up to 12 people
Book by	Friday 20 November 2026

By the end you will be able to

- Explain how flood rescue is organised and where your asset fits
- Lead your asset within JESIP and the Joint Decision Model
- Carry out dynamic risk assessment and set zones and PPE
- Brief your team with IIMARCH and keep a decision log
- Hand over and close down an incident safely

Price

Option	Price	With VAT
Asset Commander, 2 days	£450 + VAT	**£540**

We can invoice your organisation. Training several commanders? We can run a closed course for your service on dates that suit you.

Questions

Is this the Defra Asset Commander module?

Yes. It is built to the Defra Training Module: Asset Commander in the Flood Rescue Concept of Operations 2025.

I trained under the 2019 framework. Is this for me?

Yes. The 2025 edition replaced the 2019 framework, and this course brings you up to date.

Will I get wet?

No. The course is classroom based.

Book your place

Email **mail@slsgb.org.uk** and we'll send you the booking form.

Please include your Defra module, certificate number and expiry date. Questions? Call 01392 369111. Bookings close on Friday 20 November.