

## Press Release

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### **A view from the front line**

I would like to take a moment to highlight the heroic efforts of those committed public servants who are working tirelessly to keep us all safe.

I am privileged to be able to observe professionalism of the highest order delivered by a tightly knit group, so ably lead by Andrew Muter.

From the unstinting efforts of our medical professionals, led by the ever cool headed Sally, our Pharmacist Paul, through each of our emergency response teams, our Airport and Harbour Offices, the Police and Border Agency.

Each and every one of these highly committed professionals are working 7 days a week, long hours in the most challenging of conditions. Although they have practiced for such an eventuality, nobody can contemplate how they will respond until faced with the stark reality.

They have risen to the challenge in such a way as to inspire confidence in each and every one of us.

I now turn to the engine room.

All our efforts are coordinated and led by our C.E.O. Andrew Muter. His qualifications to deal with such a challenge are second to none.

He leads the team with quiet efficiency, inspiring confidence and respect from his dedicated and supportive delivery team.

Personally I am amazed on a daily basis for his capacity to calmly deal with whatever the day throws at him, never giving a hint of not being in complete control. We are privileged to have him at the controls at such a challenging time.

All this whilst keeping the Island running on a day to day basis.

He is ably supported by his team of Sue, Laura, Sally and Elizabeth. How so few can achieve so much has to be seen to be believed. I stand in awe.

Nobody ever looks at the clock. Nobody leaves until all the day's loose ends have been tied up and all continue to deal with emails until they retire to bed exhausted.

The daily operational meeting is the forum to exchange ideas, contribute to problem solving and shape our response in a fast moving dynamic situation.

It is only a great shame that not everybody can witness this process unfolding.

I have written these words because it is not only important that the whole community is aware of the efforts and sacrifices that are being made on our behalf, but also because everyone involved in keeping us safe is entitled to the thanks and respect for their efforts.

There are many more, not specifically mentioned here, but they know who they are.

I am privileged to observe all of this in action day by day. If you see them, please show your appreciation (from a safe distance). It means a lot.

The community is our inspiration. We will not let you down.

**Ends**

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