



My name is David George Thompson, aged 46 and born in Belfast, Northern Ireland. I am married to Fiona, have two sons Lewis and Cameron (aged 7 and 5 respectively) and a daughter Shelley (aged 4 months), I currently live in Birkdale, Southport. My primary education was at a number of schools throughout Northwest Europe as a result of my father being a member of the armed forces, secondary education was completed at Brynarfor Boarding School for Boys in Towyn, Gwynedd,(then Merioneth) Wales were left as Head Boy, with 7 O levels in various subjects.

Upon leaving school I joined the Royal Air Force (RAF), volunteering to serve upon Air Sea Rescue Marine Craft Units as a Motorboat Crewman. Following the Falkland Island conflict I volunteered for aircrew training in anticipation of serving upon RAF Air Sea Rescue helicopters, I was however unable to complete this training and left the RAF after a total of 7.5 years service, transferring to the Ulster Defence Regiment serving in Northern Ireland. In 1990 I transferred to the Royal Navy serving aboard HM Submarines, Upon being discharged in 1994 I joined HM Coastguard taking up post as a Watch Officer at the Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre (MRCC) Clyde, Greenock, Scotland.

Whilst serving at MRCC Clyde I continued my interest in learning and gained a Global Maritime Distress and Safety Systems (GMDSS) General Operator Radio Certificate (GOC). As a result of this qualification and my general interest in maritime communications I was invited to participate in the development, delivery and examination for the UK GMDSS Coast Station Operators Certificate (CSOC) and to date I remain a member of the examination board for this qualification.

In 1998 I was promoted to Watch Manager, at MRCC Clyde, were I remained until August 2001, when I took up post as a Commercial Training Officer with the MCA Commercial Development Team based at the MCA Training Centre, Highcliffe, Dorset. In 2002, due to MCA

restructuring, my title changed to that of Training and Development Consultant and came under the auspices of the New Business and Marketing Team. In that role I was responsible, along with colleagues, for the marketing, sales, design and delivery of MCA training to external bodies. This included such subjects as GMDSS Familiarisation and Inspection training, CSOC training and examination, Merchant Shipping Search and Rescue Management training for key personnel within the maritime industries, and the delivery of all subjects pertinent to civil maritime Search And Rescue (SAR). This portfolio also included the delivery of Coastguard Technical training to candidates from 19 nations.

Because of my role and my knowledge of the GMDSS I was fortunate enough to represent the United Kingdom and the MCA, in particular, at a number of International forums in such places as Canada, Norway, Barbados and Truro!

I currently hold Certificate in Training Practise, GMDSS Restricted Operators Certificate, GMDSS Long Range Certificate, GMDSS Short Range Certificate, Civil Aviation Aeronautical Radio Operators License, Search Mission Controller certificate and have also duly qualified to deliver training on all the aforementioned subjects.

In September 2003 I took up the new post of Area Operations Manager for the North West and North Wales covering the area Mull of Galloway (Scotland) to Ffriog (Wales) and includes the Lake District (for incidents on the 4 primary Lakes) and Isle of Man

Externally my main interest is first and foremost my family, followed by DIY and Glasgow Rangers Football team

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DGT', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David George Thompson