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David is a Specialized Officer within the CT Directorate. His roles include

- Managing chemical security programmes in partnership with member countries. These programmes develop coordinated and sustainable control measures preventing unlawful access and diversion of high hazard and precursor chemicals as they enter or exit the country, as well as during transport, storage and at point of sale;
- Designing and implementing investigative training of chemical incidents to senior law enforcement agencies across INTERPOL member countries;
- Contaminated crime scene investigative training, teaching investigators how to plan and operate safely within a contaminated environment, including decision-making, PPE use, search techniques, exhibit retrieval and decontamination;
- Implementing an instructor development course for crime scene investigation, leading to significant capacity increase within a number of member countries;
- Working with international law enforcement agencies to identify suspicious online purchase activity of explosive precursor chemicals;
- Investigation, chain of custody and forensic management training for nominated experts on the roster of United Nations Weapons Inspectors;
- Project lead for interoperability improvements between international Security, Public Health and Humanitarian agencies during crisis response.

Prior to joining INTERPOL he served as a police officer in London for 30 years, the last four as Head of Training at the UK National CBRN Centre (College of Policing/ UK CT Network), leading on all CBRN training for Police, Fire and Ambulance services. He was the police operational lead for the development of the UK border control capability to detect and interdict illicit WMD materials crossing land, sea and air borders. This included the selection and testing of detection equipment, as well as drafting command protocols, decision-making models and response tactics.

He is the co-author of current UK CBRN response protocols, as well as the UK Counter Terrorist Doctrine 'Command and Control of CT Incidents – CBRN'. He has written national CBRN response plans for Kenya and Uganda.

He is an experienced trainer, delivering CBRN training internationally to diverse groups including INTERPOL member countries and both OPCW and UN Weapons Inspectors.

He is a qualified teacher (QTLS) and a live chemical warfare agent instructor. He is a member of the United Nations Secretary General Mechanism Roster of Biological/ Chemical Experts and a specialist advisor on counter proliferation to the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Arms Control and Verification Research Unit