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Captain Harewood, who is a Commissioned Officer in the Barbados Defence Force, is the Deputy Director at the **Department of Emergency Management (DEM)** – Barbados' National Disaster Office.

He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology and Psychology from the University of the West Indies, a Master of Science Degree in Risk, Crisis and Disaster Management from the University of Leicester and a Professional Diploma in Project Management from Cambridge University.

Captain Harewood has professional training and certification in Damage Assessment & Needs Analysis, Urban Search & Rescue, Incident Command, and Emergency Operations Centre operations; and is a Certified Business Continuity Manager.

He has been directly involved in the disaster management field for over 15 years, and during that time, he:

1. Had been employed with the British Virgin Islands' Department of Disaster Management as the Programme Manager for the Territories' Community Preparedness Programme;
2. Provided Disaster Management consultancy for the Barbados Ministry of Tourism in order to establish the Tourism Emergency Operations Centre and develop Tourism Sector Emergency Plans prior to Cricket World Cup, 2007; and

3. Was employed with the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) Coordinating Unit (CU) in its Preparedness and Response Programme – with responsibility for the coordination and training of the CARICOM Disaster Relief Unit (CDRU), as well as Regional Plan development and exercising.

At the DEM, Captain Harewood has responsibility for, amongst other things, the supervision of Technical Staff, Emergency Operations Centre Management, Plan Development and Review, Simulation Exercising, Training and Mass Crowd Planning.

Captain Harewood would have been deployed with the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), as part of the Regional Response Mechanism, to St. Vincent and the Grenadines to assist in Emergency Operations Centre operations following the December 2013 Christmas rains/flood event; the Bahamas in 2015 to lead a Rapid Needs Assessment Team following the impact of Hurricane Joaquim; and the BVI in 2017 to lead a Rapid Needs Assessment Team following the impact of Hurricane Irma.

Within the Barbados Defence Force, Captain Harewood, who is in his 32nd year of service, is attached to the Alpha Company of the Barbados Regiment (Reserve), and is the recipient of the Defence Board's Commendation, the Barbados Efficiency Medal and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

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