
**FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES -
STRUCTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL**
**Exercise command at multiple crew
emergency incidents**

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| final date for comment: | March 2008 |
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| sub-field: | Fire and Rescue Services |
| purpose: | <p>This unit standard is for people who have command of multiple crews at emergency incidents typically at the rank of Senior Station Officer, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Chief Fire Officer, or equivalent rank.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate knowledge required for commanding multiple crew emergency incidents; analyse incidents, determine strategy and tactics and assume command of an emergency incident; develop an emergency incident action plan; and direct and coordinate a multiple crew emergency incident.</p> |
| entry information: | <p>Prerequisites: Unit 17280, <i>Apply the coordinated incident management system at incidents as a team member</i>, and Unit 3317, <i>Exercise initial command and control at structure fires</i>, or demonstrate equivalent knowledge or skills.</p> |
| accreditation option: | Evaluation of documentation and visit by NZQA and industry. |
| moderation option: | A national moderation system of moderation networks has been established by the Fire and Rescue Services Industry Training Organisation. |
| special notes: | 1 Compliance with the fire and rescue service provider's Health and Safety policy and procedures is mandatory. |

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- 2 Assessment against this unit standard may take place under real or practical simulated conditions.
- 3 Legislation applying to this unit standard includes the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996, Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977, Fire Service Act 1975, and their subsequent amendments.
- 4 *Multiple crew* is defined as four or more fire and rescue crews from within one fire and rescue service provider.
- 5 *Fire and rescue service provider's requirements or Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)* refer to policies and procedures on safety and operation set down by each fire and rescue service employer or host organisation.

Elements and Performance Criteria

element 1

Demonstrate knowledge required for commanding multiple crew emergency incidents.

performance criteria

- 1.1 Health and Safety requirements are explained as per requirements of the fire and rescue service provider.

Range: safety officers, staff welfare, public welfare, environmental hazard notification.

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- 1.2 An incident management structure and individual role duties are explained in accordance with the requirements of the fire and rescue service provider.
- Range: three each of different types of emergency operations, offensive and defensive strategies for each emergency operation.
- 1.3 The assumption of command at incidents is explained in terms of the requirements of the fire and rescue service provider.
- Range: discretionary, mandatory.
- 1.4 Incident management terms are defined in detail in accordance with industry texts and standards.
- Range: strategy, tactics, operations, incident action plan, situation reports.

element 2

Analyse incidents, determine strategy and tactics and assume command of an emergency incident.

performance criteria

- 2.1 Incident handover is achieved in accordance with the SOPs.
- 2.2 Incident analysis allows a comprehensive situation report to be constructed in accordance with the SOPs.
- 2.3 Initial strategy and tactics are reviewed and amended where required in accordance with the fire and rescue service provider requirements.

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element 3

Develop an emergency incident action plan.

performance criteria

3.1 Strategy selection allows a comprehensive incident action plan to be developed in accordance with the requirements of the fire and rescue service provider.

Range: incident objective, strategy, tactics, critical elements, resource needs, stage of incident, information and communication requirements.

3.2 Resource requirements are determined and requested in time for the overall objectives of the strategy to be achieved in accordance with the requirements of the fire and rescue service provider.

element 4

Direct and coordinate a multiple crew emergency incident.

performance criteria

4.1 The incident management structure is established to suit incident type in accordance with the requirements of the fire and rescue service provider.

4.2 Strategies are communicated to achieve overall objectives in accordance with the incident action plan.

4.3 Response to situational changes is determined through regular re-analysis and monitoring of incident progress in accordance with the incident action plan.

Range: upgrade or downgrade incident, supervision or delegation of functions, change of strategy or tactics.

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- 4.4 Communications are established and maintained in accordance with the requirements of the fire and rescue service provider.
- 4.5 Command of the incident is handed over in accordance with the requirements of the fire and rescue service provider.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the Fire and Rescue Services Industry Training Organisation info@frsito.org.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.

Please Note

Providers must be accredited by the Qualifications Authority or a delegated inter-institutional body before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards or deliver courses of study leading to that assessment.

Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by the Qualifications Authority before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

Accreditation requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for providers wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

This unit standard is covered by AMAP 0039 which can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/site/framework/search.html>.