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**FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES -  
STRUCTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL**  
**Carry out fire safety officer duties**

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<b>level:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>credit:</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>final date for comment:</b>	March 2008
<b>expiry date:</b>	December 2009
<b>sub-field:</b>	Fire and Rescue Services
<b>purpose:</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: provide fire safety advice; exercise statutory powers; promote fire safety; and contribute to strategic fire planning.
<b>entry information:</b>	Prerequisites: Unit 3281, <i>Assess risk with respect to fire</i> and Unit 4651, <i>Apply knowledge of structural fire behaviour</i> , or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.
<b>accreditation option:</b>	Evaluation of documentation and visit by NZQA and industry.
<b>moderation option:</b>	A national moderation system of moderation networks has been established by the Fire and Rescue Services Industry Training Organisation.
<b>special notes:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Compliance with the fire and rescue service provider's Health and Safety policy and procedures is mandatory.</li><li>2 <i>Fire and rescue service provider's requirements</i> refer to the approved training that will include the policies and procedures on safety and operation set down by each fire service employer.</li><li>3 Assessment against this unit standard may take place under real or practical simulated conditions.</li></ol>

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- 4 Legislative requirements applying to this unit standard are: Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, Building Act 1991, Employment Relations Act 2000, Resource Management Act 1991, Privacy Act 1993, Occupational Safety and Health Codes of Practice, Fire Service Act 1975, and subsequent amendments and relevant policies.

**Elements and Performance Criteria**

**element 1**

Provide fire safety advice.

Range: to - general public, school children, professional groups and individuals.

**performance criteria**

- 1.1 Timing of advice meets the requirements of the fire and rescue service provider.  
Range: as directed, or as decided, by the fire safety officer (FSO).
- 1.2 Content of advice meets the requirements of the fire and rescue service provider.  
Range: advice content - fire risk awareness, personal fire procedures, evacuation procedures;  
advice to - architects, engineers and legal profession, Territorial Authority Inspectors, other building officials.

**element 2**

Exercise statutory powers.

**performance criteria**

- 2.1 Approvals are issued for evacuation schemes to the requirements of legislation.

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- 2.2 Breaches of legislation are monitored, and prosecutions are enforced and overseen in accordance with the requirements of the fire and rescue service provider.
- 2.3 Fire safety management of buildings is administered and monitored to the requirements of legislation and the requirements of the fire and rescue service provider.
- 2.4 Statutory powers are exercised under the provisions of the Building Act 1991.

**element 3**

Promote fire safety.

**performance criteria**

- 3.1 News media are selected to provide optimum targeting of the identified audience in accordance with the requirements of the fire and rescue service provider.
- 3.2 Public presentations and displays are mounted to reach the greatest number of the targeted audience in accordance with the requirements of the fire and rescue service provider.
- 3.3 Promotions are mounted in accordance with the requirements of the fire and rescue service provider.

Range: as requested, as directed.

**element 4**

Contribute to strategic fire planning.

**performance criteria**

- 4.1 Operational planning staff are made aware of potentially dangerous situations within buildings on the basis of FSO visits and inspections in accordance with the requirements of the fire and rescue service provider.

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**Comments on this unit standard**

Please contact the Fire and Rescue Services Industry Training Organisation [info@frsito.org.nz](mailto: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>.