
**FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES -
STRUCTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL**
**Carry out Incident Ground Safety Officer
duties**

level:	5
credit:	2
final date for comment:	March 2008
expiry date:	December 2009
sub-field:	Fire and Rescue Services
purpose:	<p>This unit standard is for fire service personnel appointed as Incident Ground Safety Officers in a command function at a multi-agency emergency incident or in a control function at a single agency incident.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of an Incident Ground Safety Officer; and monitor and report on safety during emergency incidents.</p>
entry information:	<p>Prerequisites: Unit 3281, <i>Assess risk with respect to fire</i>, and Unit 17279, <i>Describe the coordinated incident management system in emergency response activities</i>, or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and 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:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Compliance with the fire and rescue service provider's Health and Safety policy and procedures is mandatory.2 Assessment against this unit standard may take place under real or practical simulated conditions.

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- 3 An Incident Ground Safety Officer's duties are as defined in the New Zealand Fire Service Manual of Operations, Volume 2, Instruction 1.3.1.
- 4 All actions undertaken in the performance of Incident Ground Safety Officer duties must conform to the requirements of the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and its subsequent amendments.
- 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 of the duties and responsibilities of an Incident Ground Safety Officer.

performance criteria

- 1.1 The role of the Incident Ground Safety Officer is described in accordance with the fire and rescue service provider's requirements.
- 1.2 The responsibilities of the Incident Ground Safety Officer with respect to monitoring incident ground operations are described in accordance with fire and rescue service provider's requirements.

Range: hazards, people, actions.

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element 2

Monitor and report on safety during emergency incidents.

performance criteria

- 2.1 Hazards to personnel on the incident ground are mitigated by ensuring compliance with safe practices in accordance with the SOPs.
- 2.2 Health and welfare issues of personnel at the fire incident are identified and addressed in accordance with the SOPs.
- 2.3 Action is taken to deal with situations posing risk of harm or injury in accordance with the SOPs.
- 2.4 The incident controller is advised of actions taken in accordance with the SOPs.

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>.