
**FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES -
STRUCTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL**
**Exercise initial command and control at
structure fires**

level:	5
credit:	10
final date for comment:	March 2008
expiry date:	December 2009
sub-field:	Fire and Rescue Services
purpose:	<p>This unit standard is for people who will be fulfilling the role of the first arriving incident controller at a structure fire.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate knowledge of the initial incident controller's obligations for health and safety at structure fire incidents; analyse incidents, select strategy, implement tactics and prepare incident action plan; and manage incident action plan at structure fires.</p>
entry information:	<p>Prerequisites: Unit 4651, <i>Apply knowledge of structural fire behaviour</i>, and Unit 3315, <i>Carry out Incident Ground Safety Officer duties</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 *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 initial incident controller's obligations for health and safety at structure fire incidents.

performance criteria

- 1.1 Principles of risk management are defined in terms of limits of risk in accordance with the National Commander's Instructions.
- 1.2 The allocation of tasks is explained with consideration for personnel training and equipment in accordance with the SOPs.
- Range: NZ Fire Service personnel, other agencies, general public.
- 1.3 Actual or potential hazards are identified and the action to be taken to mitigate the hazard is explained for five given situations associated with structural fires in accordance with requirements of the SOPs.

element 2

Analyse incidents, select strategy, implement tactics and prepare incident action plan.

performance criteria

- 2.1 Incident is assessed and situation communicated in accordance with in accordance with requirements of the SOPs.
- Range: size up, deduct and prioritise.

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- 2.2 Strategy, and tactics are decided and the incident action plan is developed from all available data in accordance with requirements of the SOPs.
- 2.3 Resources required to implement strategy and tactics are selected in accordance with requirements of the SOPs.
- Range: specialist equipment, water, other supporting agencies, personal protective equipment, greater alarm.

element 3

Manage incident action plan at structure fires.

performance criteria

- 3.1 Facilities and perimeter control are established and communicated in accordance with the SOPs.
- 3.2 Hazards management practices are employed in accordance with the SOPs.
- 3.3 The incident action plan is communicated and managed in accordance with the SOPs.
- 3.4 Strategy and tactics are reviewed in response to incident variables in accordance with the SOPs.
- 3.5 The fire is extinguished or responsibility is handed over, in accordance with the SOPs.
- Range: secure the scene, scene handover, recommissioning of equipment and appliance/s.
- 3.6 The incident is managed to secure and preserve evidence in accordance with the SOPs.
- 3.7 Information is collected to complete reporting requirements in accordance with the SOPs.

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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>.