

Title	Direct external defensive fire control operations		
Level	5	Credits	3

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people (including team leaders in rural volunteer fire forces) who are required to direct externally applied structure or vehicle fire suppression operations where breathing apparatus is not available.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - analyse an incident requiring external defensive fire control; - direct external defensive fire control procedures; and - carry out handover procedures to an incoming fire and emergency agency.
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Classification	Fire and Rescue Services > Fire and Rescue Services - Generic Fire Fighting
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Available grade	Achieved
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Prerequisites	Unit 3283, <i>Demonstrate knowledge of personal safety at fire and other emergency incidents</i> ; or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.
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Guidance Information

- 1 Compliance with the fire and emergency agency's Health and Safety policy and procedures is mandatory.
- 2 Definition
Fire and emergency agency's requirements refer to policies, procedures and supporting documentation on safety and operations set down by each fire and emergency agency employer or host organisation.
- 3 Assessment against this unit standard must take place under real or simulated conditions.
- 4 Assessment against all outcomes must be in accordance with the fire and emergency agency's requirements.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Analyse an incident requiring external defensive fire control.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Fire situation is analysed.
- Range fire fighter safety, public safety, environmental impacts, values threatened.
- 1.2 Hazards are identified.
- Range hazards may include but are not limited to – electricity, hazardous substances, smoke and chemical inhalation, skin contact, water run-off.
- 1.3 Fire control option are selected to prioritise life and property, and enable the fire to be contained and/or extinguished within available resources and authority.
- 1.4 Fire situation is reported, and control option is communicated.

Outcome 2

Direct external defensive fire control procedures.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Crew performance and progress is assessed, and actions are initiated in response to changes in the overall fire situation.
- 2.2 Communication is maintained with team members for the duration of the entire incident.
- 2.3 Safety and welfare of fire fighters is maintained.
- 2.4 Incident scene is secured against interference.
- 2.5 Injured personnel are assisted.
- 2.6 Environmental damage associated with water, additives, and hazardous substances are minimised by actions taken.
- Range may include but is not limited to – bunding, barriers, drainage pits, use of absorbent materials.

Outcome 3

Carry out handover procedures to an incoming fire and emergency agency.

Performance criteria

3.1 Incoming fire officers are briefed.

Range may include but is not limited to – strategy in operation, changes in fire status, location of escape routes.

3.2 Support for incoming fire service is provided.

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Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	30 April 1998	N/A
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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0039
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Comments on this unit standard

Please contact The Skills Organisation reviewcomments@skills.org.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.