

Title	Exercise initial response, command, and control for vegetation fire operations		
Level	5	Credits	6

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for crew leaders who have responsibility for the initial command of suppression operations at vegetation fires.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - demonstrate knowledge of the initial command controller's obligations to health and safety at vegetation fire incidents; - demonstrate knowledge of initial response, command, and resource mobilisation at a vegetation fire incident; - size up the situation and develop an initial IAP; - implement initial IAP; and - complete recording and reporting procedures.
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Classification	Fire and Rescue Services > Fire and Rescue Services - Vegetation
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Available grade	Achieved
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Prerequisites	Unit 3291, <i>Lead a vegetation fire crew</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 Assessment against this unit standard must take place under real or simulated conditions.
- 3 Definitions
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.
Incident Action Plan (IAP) is a statement of the objectives, strategies, and critical functions to be taken at the incident.
- 4 Assessment against all outcomes must be in accordance with the fire and emergency agency's requirements.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of the initial command controller's obligations to health and safety at vegetation fire incidents.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Principles of risk management are defined.
- 1.2 The allocation of tasks is explained with respect to personnel and equipment.
- 1.3 The process used to deal with identified hazards is explained.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate knowledge of initial response, command, and resource mobilisation at a vegetation fire incident.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 The powers and duties of the initial controller are explained in terms of the relevant legislation.
- 2.2 The information required upon initial activation is described.
- 2.3 The response and mobilisation requirements of the Fire and Emergency New Zealand's fire plan are explained.

Outcome 3

Size up the situation and develop an initial IAP.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 The size-up and analysis of the situation are completed.
 - Range may include but is not limited to – extent of fire, hazards, resources, fire environment factors, assets at risk, time and distance considerations, communications, personnel safety requirements.
- 3.2 IAP for the situation are developed.
 - Range organisation policy, fire environment, fire behaviour.
- 3.3 Resources required to contain the fire are requested.
 - Range resource – type, productivity.
- 3.4 Factors that may alter the initial IAP are described.

Outcome 4

Implement initial IAP.

Performance criteria

4.1 The initial IAP is implemented.

Range safety and operational briefing, allocation of tasks to crews, establishment of communications, deployment of resources, secure fire scene, preserve evidence.

4.2 Hazards are managed in accordance with the IAP.

4.3 The initial IAP is reviewed in response to the incident development.

Range resource availability, resource performance, fire behaviour.

4.4 The fire is extinguished or control of the incident is handed over.

Outcome 5

Complete recording and reporting procedures.

Performance criteria

5.1 Continuous logs of incidents are maintained and reporting is completed.

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

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.