

Title	Exercise initial command and control at structure fires		
Level	5	Credits	10

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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - demonstrate knowledge of the initial incident controller's obligations for health and safety at structure fire incidents; - analyse incident, select strategy and tactics, and prepare the IAP for a structure fire; and - manage the IAP at a structure fire.
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Classification	Fire and Rescue Services > Fire and Rescue Services - Structural and Industrial
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Available grade	Achieved
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Prerequisites	Unit 4651, <i>Demonstrate knowledge of structural fire behaviour</i> , and Unit 3315, <i>Carry out Incident Ground Safety Officer duties</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 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.
- 1.2 The allocation of tasks is explained with respect to personnel training and equipment.
- Range firefighting personnel, other agencies, general public.
- 1.3 Actual or potential hazards associated with structural fires are identified and the action to be taken to mitigate the hazard are explained.

Outcome 2

Analyse incident, select strategy and tactics, and prepare the IAP for a structure fire.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Incident is analysed and the situation communicated.
- Range size up, assess and prioritise.
- 2.2 Strategy and tactics are decided and an IAP is prepared from all available information.
- 2.3 Resources required to implement the strategy and tactics are selected.
- Range may include but is not limited to – specialist equipment, water, other supporting agencies, personal protective equipment, greater alarm.

Outcome 3

Manage the IAP at a structure fire.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Facilities and cordons are established and communicated.
- 3.2 Hazards management practices are employed.
- 3.3 The IAP is communicated.
- 3.4 Strategy and tactics are implemented and reviewed in response to incident variables.

3.5 The fire is extinguished or responsibility is handed over.

Range may include but is not limited to – secure the scene, scene handover, cause determination, recommissioning of equipment and appliances.

3.6 Information is collected to complete reporting requirements.

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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0039
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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