

Commissioner's Orders



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PROCEDURES

New SIMS worksheets

A number of new SIMS worksheets have been published on the Station Inventory Management System toolkit. These worksheets are:

- SIMS worksheet, *Self-contained breathing apparatus* (Version 05). This worksheet includes:
 - A new and safer procedure for disinfecting face masks, which includes performing hand hygiene and then wearing nitrile gloves.
 - The warning not to open the exhalation valve flap during disinfection. If you do open this flap you risk damaging the valve, resulting in the next wearer being exposed to contaminated air.
 - A clarification of the equipment quarantine procedure.

Note: This SIMS worksheet includes the mandatory inspection and checking of personal distress units during the scheduled inspection of SCBA.

- SIMS worksheet, *Personal protective equipment: Firefighting and duty wear* (Version 04). This worksheet includes:
 - The procedure for new multi-purpose and structural helmets.
 - The procedure for the new torch.
 - A listing of Proban treated items which require regular washing and airing.
- SIMS worksheet, *Portable pump: Davey or Aussie* (Version 02). This worksheet includes:
 - The warning not to pump from pressurised sources.

Note: A single worksheet now covers both Aussie and Davey pump, as the procedures are the same.

- SIMS worksheet, *Cabin inventory check* (Version 03). This worksheet includes:
 - Safe stowage of spare batteries in the appliance cabin.
 - Updated listing for the aviation handbook: *Hazards at aircraft accident sites*.
 - Stowage of high-impact face shields for multi-purpose helmets issued to accredited rescue appliances.
- SIMS worksheet, *Positive pressure ventilator: Blowhard electric* (Version 02). This worksheet has been revised.
- SIMS worksheet, *Portable radios: APX 6000XE – XTS 5000* (Version 03). This worksheet includes:

- The procedure for new portable radio accessories related to the Gallet structural firefighting helmet.
- An added requirement to confirm the radio's operation by transmitting to another radio on the same channel.

Note: This worksheet becomes current for your station only when you have been trained in the new Gallet structural firefighting helmet and new portable radio accessories.

The following SIMS worksheets are rescinded:

- SIMS worksheet, *Self-contained breathing apparatus* (Version 04)
- SIMS worksheet, *Personal protective equipment: Firefighting and duty wear* (Versions 02 and 03)
- SIMS worksheet, *Portable pump: Davey* (Version 01)
- SIMS worksheet, *Portable pump: Aussie* (Version 01)
- SIMS worksheet, *Cabin inventory check* (Version 02)
- SIMS worksheet, *Positive pressure ventilator: Blowhard electric* (Version 01)

Station Commanders must print out the new SIMS worksheets relevant for their station, remove the old worksheets and replace them with the new worksheets.

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OPERATIONS

Bush Fire Danger Period 2015/16

The general bush fire danger period for NSW during 2015/16 commenced on 1 October 2015 and will stay in force until 31 March 2016. Depending on local fire conditions, some local government areas may alter or extend the legislated bush fire danger period.

For a number of local government areas, the bush fire danger period commenced on 1 August 2015. A list of areas where the bush fire danger period is in force is available on the [Bush Fire Danger Period and Fire Permits](#) page of the NSW Rural Fire Service website.

Permits to Burn

Under [Section 87](#) of the *Rural Fires Act 1997*, people who want to light fires for clearing land or burning fire breaks during a bush fire danger period must obtain a permit. Guidelines and resources for issuing permits are provided on the [Fire Permits Toolkit](#). For additional advice contact the FRNSW Bushfire Section on (02) 8741 4933.

Restrictions in Force during the Bush Fire Danger Period

During the bush fire danger period, [clauses 25 to 28](#) of the *Rural Fires Regulation 2013* restrict the lighting of fires for cooking, etc, burning garbage and refuse, lighting fires to produce charcoal etc, and lighting, using or carrying tobacco products.

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or 0419 267 882*

Total Fire Bans

Under Section 99 of the *Rural Fires Act 1997*, the Minister for Police and Emergency Services may prohibit the lighting, maintenance or use of fires in the open air in a particular area or in the whole of NSW. The Minister also has the power to grant exemptions for certain classes of fires and set conditions for their use.

Total fire bans and exemptions are published in the NSW Government Gazette. A link to the NSW Government Gazette is available on the [Total Fire Ban Rules](#) page of the NSW Rural Fire Service website.

Some exemptions require notification of the NSW Rural Fire Service or FRNSW and allow the fire service to make directions or impose conditions, including a direction that the fire not be lit.

Procedures for managing notifications	In Orders
Schedule 3, Fireworks	In Orders 2007/1, <u>Fireworks</u>
Schedule 4, Religious/sacred ceremonies Schedule 9, Disposal of diseased animal carcasses Schedule 14, Building construction/demolition – urgent and essential	In Orders 2007/1, <u>Total fire ban exemptions under schedules 4, 9 and 14</u>
Schedule 16, Hot air balloons	In Orders 2007/6, <u>Total fire ban exemptions – hot air balloons</u>
Schedule 18, any other fire approved by NSW RFS Commissioner	In Orders 2006/28, <u>Consultation on total fire ban exemptions</u>

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GENERAL

Authorised Fire Officers – EP&A Act

This advice is for all officers authorised under Section 121ZC and Section 118L of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) to conduct inspections and issue orders.

Details regarding Authorisation

Recent changes to the EP&A Act have resulted in increased FRNSW authority in relation to enforcement under the EP&A Act.

The changes have also resulted in FRNSW officers no longer being authorised to conduct inspections and issue orders under the EP&A Act.

Advice

All Fire Officers are advised that they should not conduct inspections and issue orders under the EP&A Act, until they are authorised to do so.

Re-authorisation of FRNSW Officers

Fire Safety Branch will offer training in the near future in the amended provisions of the EP&A Act. Officers wishing to regain their authorisation should inform Fire Safety Branch of their interest in attending training by email to bfs@fire.nsw.gov.au (attention Carmelina).

Re-authorisation will only occur once training has been undertaken.

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PERMANENT FIREFIGHTERS NOTICES

Vacancies

All current firefighter vacancies may be accessed via the [internal Jobs Board](#) and applications must be completed online by following the links provided.

Online applications must include a brief cover letter, resume and address the two targeted questions.

Duty Commander Regional West 3

Applications are invited from firefighters holding the rank of Inspector for the role of Duty Commander Regional West 3 at Leeton.

Inquiries: Superintendent Andrew Cozens, Zone Commander Regional West 3, 0407 951 091

Closing date: 4 November 2015

Taleo reference: 00003Y9C

Manager Training Coordination and Resources

Applications are invited from firefighters holding the rank of Superintendent and Inspector for the role of Manager Training Coordination and Resources at the State Training College, Alexandria.

Inquiries: Chief Superintendent Robert Murray on 0418 617 434

Closing date: 21 October 2015

Taleo reference: 00003Y5J

Training Officer BA/Hazmat

Applications are invited from firefighters holding the rank of Qualified Firefighter with 48 months service and above for the role of Training Officer BA/Hazmat at the State Training College, Alexandria.

Inquiries: Station Officer Tim Climo, Team Leader BA/Hazmat Training, 0417 567 800

Closing date: 4 November 2015

Taleo reference: 00003X6R

Station Officer, Dubbo

Applications are invited from firefighters holding the rank of Station Officer for the role of Station Commander at Dubbo, Regional West 1.

Inquiries: Superintendent Gary Barber, Zone Commander Regional West 1, (02)6882 9688

Closing date: 4 November 2015

Taleo reference: 00003YXW

Appointments

Position	No	Name	Start Date
Supervisor, Sydney Communications	7432	G Bathurst	26 September 2015
Operator, Newcastle Communications	8522	J Reid	20 September 2015

RETAINED FIREFIGHTERS NOTICES

New Members appointed to Brigades

904375	S Martin	Bangalow	18 September 2015
904382	A Torrisi	Moss Vale	20 September 2015
904392	P Lee	Kurri Kurri	22 September 2015
900195	W Currall	Orange	23 September 2015
904391	S Corbett	Young	24 September 2015
904381	G Gerdes	Sawtell	24 September 2015
904380	M Standing	Woolgoolga	24 September 2015
904385	J Howarth	Wallerawang	25 September 2015
904393	P Lang	Kempsey	25 September 2015
904387	N Martin	Wallerawang	25 September 2015
904386	B Pender	Wallerawang	25 September 2015
904384	N Rice	Lawson	25 September 2015
904389	C Runchel	Lithgow	25 September 2015
904397	S Jackson	Telarah	26 September 2015
904396	D Pilton	Telarah	26 September 2015
904398	N Fardell	Molong	28 September 2015
904394	S Kocek	Sawtell	28 September 2015
904401	D Randall	Merewether	1 October 2015
520019	C Grady	Goulburn	6 October 2015

Appointment of Engine Keeper

522293	RetF P McCudden	Moree	18 May 2015
901478	RetF R Hardman	Moree	1 July 2015

Appointment of Rank

337028	DCapt S Lawson	June	Captain	11 September 2015
521226	RetF B Rowsell	Cessnock	Deputy Captain	21 September 2015
520248	RetF W Gerstenberg	Nowra	Deputy Captain	1 October 2015
405022	RetF C Ison	Nowra	Deputy Captain	1 October 2015

Transfer

521673	RetF P Landrigan	Wagga	to	June	6 August 2015
902667	RetF G White	Grafton		Windsor	26 August 2015
522327	RetF T Martinelli	Stockton		Carrington	25 September 2015

Separations

900509	RetF M Mullington	Dubbo	31 July 2015
902164	RetF S White	West Tamworth	14 August 2015
902112	RetF M Alanzi	Coonamble	20 August 2015
900901	RetF C Winter	Bowral	30 August 2015
902815	RetF P Campbell	Dubbo	3 September 2015
901689	RetF A Pratt	Jindabyne	6 September 2015
284027	RetF P Berry	Delroy	7 September 2015
390015	Capt C Smith	Murrurundi	8 September 2015
903105	RetF M Felipe	Alstonville	18 September 2015
522106	RetF M Alcorn	Stockton	27 September 2015
903018	RetF Z Spackman	Peak Hill	27 September 2015
901857	RetF N Chia	Merewether	30 September 2015

Retirements

358008	RetF T Bell	Laurieton	31 August 2015
216030	RetF D O'Leary	Kelso	11 September 2015
331015	DCapt G Summers	Inverell	18 September 2015

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358008	RetF T Bell	Laurieton	1 September 2015
284027	RetF P Berry	Delroy	8 September 2015
390015	Capt C Smith	Murrurundi	9 September 2015
216030	RetF D O'Leary	Kelso	12 September 2015
331015	DCapt G Summers	Inverell	19 September 2015

ADMINISTRATION & TRADES STAFF NOTICES

Appointments

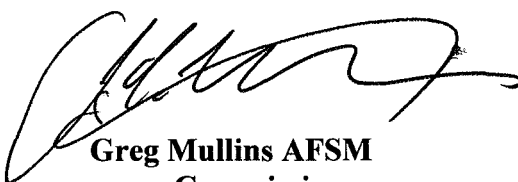
Service No	Name	Position	Start Date
902900	P Barnes	Assistant Director Communications	9 September 2015
904360	T Grimshaw	Apprentice Mechanic	9 September 2015
904328	G Greco	Facility Manager	6 October 2015

Promotions

Service No	Name	Position	Start Date
902850	K Gray	Project Executive Assistant	21 September 2015
30119	H Law	Manager Finance Infrastructure	2 October 2015
30065	M Chhean	Help Desk Administrator	7 October 2015

Separations

Service No.	Name	Effective date
903104	A Flick	25 September 2015
28321	D Littlewood	1 October 2015



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