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PROCEDURES

Halon extinguisher collection

The Halon extinguisher collection process has been published on the [Station Management toolkit](#) on the intranet.

Key points

- Halon extinguishers, coloured yellow, may be left at fire stations for disposal to the National Halon Bank. The community can also return halon extinguishers directly to the National Halon Bank.
- The [National Halon Bank](#) collects, stores, reclaims and destroys halon extinguishers.
- Halon extinguishers contain ozone-damaging substances. Australia stopped importing halon extinguishers at the end of 1992. The manufacture of halon extinguishers ceased at the end of 1993.
- From 31 December 1995, it was illegal to use or possess a yellow halon extinguisher without approval and attracts a fine in all Australian States and Territories.
- If the extinguisher has not been serviced since 1995, there is a significant risk that the extinguisher will not operate correctly.

Process

When yellow halon extinguishers are handed in at your fire station:

- Write the date received on the extinguisher, complete and attach an unserviceable tag then store the extinguisher in a secure area
- Complete the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment [Halon Deposit Form](#)
- Notify the National Halon Bank on **1800 658 084** to arrange collection
 - Depending on the size and quantity of the extinguishers, the Halon Bank will either arrange for the extinguishers to be collected from the station or transported to a nominated location for collection
 - If the extinguishers are not collected after six months, call the National Halon Bank.
- **Note:** Do not use the extinguishers or release their contents into the atmosphere.

Who needs to read the plan?

All staff at fire stations.

Rescindment

This process rescinds In Orders 2005/01 Halon Collection.

Contact Officer: Superintendent Peter Cleary, Manager Hazmat and Counter Terrorism, 0427 416 163, peter.cleary@fire.nsw.gov.au

File Reference: FRN20/2370

Taking of photographs and videos at incidents

FRNSW follows the State Rescue Board policy on recording of images and video at rescues, which is contained in paragraphs 1.101 to 1.120 of the [NSW State Rescue Policy](#), 4th edition, November 2018, available on the [Emergency NSW website](#).

Who needs to read the plan?

This procedure needs to be read by all staff.

Rescindment

This procedure rescinds In Orders 2005-06.

Contact Officer: A/Superintendent Nicholas Ferrante, A/Capability Manager – Rescue,
0448 114 577

Christopher Fish, Manager, Marketing, Media and Communications,
0408297759

File Reference: FRN20/2118

COVID-19 Supporting Plan to the Major Incident Management Plan

The [COVID-19 Supporting Plan](#) to the *Major Incident Management Plan* has been published on the [Major Incident Management Plans](#) toolkit.

Key points

The purpose of the *COVID-19 Supporting Plan* is to:

- ensure that FRNSW has effective COVID-19 infection prevention and control measures in place during operations to combat major incidents and other operations that require deployment of staff and teams away from their normal workplace
- detail how COVID-19 responsibilities apply to incident management teams and all staff deployed to major incidents
- show how FRNSW's COVID-19 measures apply to:
 - Operations and Control Centres
 - Deployments
 - Assembly and Staging Areas
 - Strike Teams, Impact Assessment Teams and other teams
 - Incident Management
 - Logistics
 - Assistance from other agencies

Toolkits

FRNSW's Major Incident Management Plan, sub plans and supporting plans are available on the [Major Incident Management Plans](#) toolkit.

Information on COVID-19 risks and precautions is available on the [Coronavirus toolkit](#).

Who needs to read the plan?

This plan needs to be read by all staff involved in planning for and responding to major incidents.

Contact: COVID19IMT@fire.nsw.gov.au

File Reference: FRN16/797-020

NOTICES

962 Regional North Area Command

Regional North Area Office has relocated. The new address is:

Street address: 60 Tamarind Drive
BALLINA NSW 2478

Telephone: (02) 6690 6100

Facsimile: (02) 91 668 389

*Contact Officer: Chief Superintendent Gary McKinnon
Regional North Area Command
(02) 6690 6101*

FIREFIGHTER 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. For any technical assistance in submitting your application via I Work for NSW please contact I Work for NSW Support on 1800 562 679.

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

Rescue Technical Officer, Operational Support Level 2

Applications are invited from firefighters with at least 48 months service from the date of commencement as a Recruit Firefighter for the role of Rescue Technical Officer, Operational Logistics

Inquiries: Grant Rice, Manager Rescue Logistics on 9742 7153

Closing date: 23 September 2020

Taleo reference: 00007URO

Metropolitan Regional Instructor, Operational Support Level 2

Applications are invited from firefighters with at least 48 months service from the date of commencement as a Recruit Firefighter for the role of Metropolitan Regional Instructor, Education & Training.

Inquiries: Team Leader Regional Training Kevin Tyldsley on 0439 421 851

Closing Date: 16 September 2020

Taleo Reference: 00007V0H

Training Officer Appliance Training, Operational Support Level 2

Applications are invited from firefighters with at least 48 months service from the date of commencement as a Recruit Firefighter for the role of Training Officer Appliance Training, Education & Training.

Inquiries: Superintendent Luke Unsworth on 0408 421 038

Closing date: 23 September 2020

Taleo reference: 00007T0O

Training Officer Simulation x 2, Operational Support Station Officer/Operational Support Level 2

Applications are invited from firefighters with at least 48 months service from the date of commencement as a Recruit Firefighter for the role of Training Officer Appliance Training, Education & Training.

Inquiries: Superintendent Mark Reilly on 0427 284 365

Closing date: 23 September 2020

Taleo reference: 00007VDM

Coordinator Progression and Promotion Program (Operational Support Inspector)

Applications are invited from officers holding the rank of Inspector, Leading Station Officer and Station Officer, with at least 24 months service at Station Officer Rank from the date of applications closing, for the role of Coordinator Progression and Promotion Program, Education & Training. *This is a readadvertised position.*

Inquiries: Superintendent Mark Reilly on 0427 284 365

Closing date: 23 September 2020

Taleo reference: 00007STS

Appointments

Service No.	Name	Position	Effective date
8595	P Burke	Training Officer Rescue	11 August 2020
8396	S Peterson	Training Officer Regional MW3	24 August 2020
903396	P Hallahan	Training Officer Regional RS1	21 August 2020
907397	K Heuston-Richardson	Occupational Psychologist	10 August 2020

Promotions

Qualified Firefighter to Senior Firefighter

7870	R Darke	17 April 2020
903026	A Macallister	14 January 2020
903147	M Musgrave	29 April 2020
903318	M Brown	27 May 2020
903329	K Matuschka	10 June 2020
903551	B Andrews	09 September 2020
903555	R Dodson	09 September 2020
903588	N Le Guen	09 September 2020

Firefighter to Qualified Firefighter

905929	J Moodie	02 June 2020
906368	T Black	11 February 2021
902861	M Sampson	11 July 2020

New members appointed to Brigades

907425	H Davidson	Guyra	29 July 2020
907430	A Staff	Saratoga	03 August 2020
907445	E Bowden	Bourke	05 August 2020
907454	K Dixon	Moama	10 August 2020
907450	K Serjeant	Yamba	11 August 2020
907452	D Tomlinson	Boggabri	11 August 2020
907451	J Skeffington	Carrington	13 August 2020
907458	D Hoskinson	Boggabri	14 August 2020
907446	C Smith	Gundagai	15 August 2020
907447	M Mayne	Goulburn	15 August 2020
907455	R Irving	Harden	15 August 2020
907457	S Elwin	Temora	17 August 2020
907462	K McDonald	Aberdeen	17 August 2020
907453	T Bremner	Tumbarumba	20 August 2020

Transfers

904799	RetF G Conway	Umina	to	Terrigal	04 August 2020
905851	RetF J O'Donoghue	Coledale	to	Unanderra	10 August 2020
906789	RetF G Eyles	Kurri Kurri	to	Rutherford	21 August 2020
904455	RetF J Keech	Mortdale	to	Unanderra	24 August 2020

Separations

7619	SF B Staines		25 August 2020
286033	RetF C Turnbull	Goulburn	11 June 2020
905017	RetF J Brewster	Corowa	30 June 2020
906562	RetF J Parker	Deniliquin	03 July 2020
906122	REtF J Swain	Laurieton	12 July 2020
907047	RetF M Annetts	Junee	18 July 2020
904716	RetF D Nosworthy	Warren	19 July 2020
903425	RetF C Hamilton	Leura	22 July 2020
072073	RetF J Schnepf	Bathurst	23 July 2020
903304	RetF C Lawler	Grafton	26 July 2020
907230	RetF S Grace	Dubbo	27 July 2020
905397	RetF M Hopkins	Dorrigo	28 July 2020
520470	RetF D Roden	Ulladulla	31 July 2020
520951	RetF M Tilt	Leura	01 August 2020
906863	RetF C Donachie	Batemans Bay	07 August 2020
907071	RetF M Johnson	Branxton	11 August 2020
906549	RetF C Salucci	Narrandera	12 August 2020
901411	RetF S Townsend	Leeton	14 August 2020

Retirements

6416	SO J Nixon		31 August 2020
6450	SF P Ryan		21 July 2020
901691	RetF D Stewart	Coraki	03 July 2020
336014	RetF C Hines	Jerilderie	21 July 2020

Honorary List

286033	RetF C Turnbull	Goulburn	12 June 2020
336014	RetF C Hines	Jerilderie	22 July 2020
72073	RetF J Schnepf	Bathurst	24 July 2020
520470	RetF D Roden	Ulladulla	01 August 2020
520951	RetF M Tilt	Leura	02 August 2020

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