



Commissioner's Orders

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PROCEDURES

Interagency radio communications

The [Interagency ESO GRN Talkgroup, ESO Simplex and Government Liaison GRN Talkgroup Conversion chart](#) has been updated and is available on the Operational Communication [toolkit](#). It will also be available on MDTs and Adashi C&C once the guidance has been updated.

Key points

Coordination of resources at multi-agency incidents is crucial for safe and effective operations. It is particularly important when working with other agencies at bushfires. The updated chart includes details of the channels and talkgroups for all NSW emergency services, Queensland Fire Service, and the ACT Emergency Services Authority.

Rescindments

Publication of this chart rescinds Operations Bulletin 2014-04, *Interagency radio communications*.

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New SIMS worksheets

The following SIMS worksheets have been revised and published on the [SIMS equipment worksheets](#) toolkit on the intranet.

All staff involved in the regular inspection of firefighting appliances and equipment need to read this Commissioner's order.

New worksheets

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

[SIMS worksheet, Extension facemask sets](#) (Version 07)

- Includes stowage and inspection of filter adaptors for connecting to SCBA facemasks and spare P3 respiratory protection filters.

[SIMS worksheet, Warning gear](#) (Version 02)

- After use cleaning process.
- New Eflares.

[SIMS worksheet, Defibrillator – AED3](#) (Version 02)

- Revised data upload process.

- Revised service interval.

[SIMS worksheet, Defibrillator – AED Plus](#) (Version 04)

- Revised data upload process.
- Revised service interval.

[SIMS worksheet, Gas detector – Multi-head – Altair 5X – Rechargeable with Galaxy GX2](#) (Version 01)

- Worksheet for the new rechargeable Altair 5X multi-head gas detector. Use this worksheet as soon as your station is issued with the new detector.
- At selected stations, the new Altair includes a photo ionisation detector.

[SIMS worksheet – Firefighting and duty wear](#) (Version 07)

Use this worksheet for inspecting existing Hard Yakka structural firefighting clothing. This worksheet includes:

- New duty wear.
- Stowage and inspection of P3 respiratory protection filters issued to firefighters.
- Reference to new laundry procedures.

[SIMS worksheet – Firefighting and duty wear](#) (Version 08)

Use this worksheet as soon as your station migrates to the new XFlex structural firefighting clothing. This worksheet includes:

- New duty wear.
- Stowage and inspection of P3 respiratory protection filters issued to firefighters.
- Reference to new laundry procedures.
- New Pelican firefighting torch.

[SIMS worksheet – Appliance IT and comms equipment](#) (Version 01)

- New daily worksheet covering the required checks for IT and radio equipment installed on the appliance, including the GRN radio, mobile phones, mobile data terminal, AVL, and other items.
- Some of these checks have been transferred from *SIMS worksheet, Appliance – Major Fleet*. Operators should use this sheet for those checks. Equipment does not need to be checked twice.

[SIMS worksheet – Portable radios – APX 8000XE and APX 8000HXE](#) (Version 01)

- Worksheet for the new Motorola 8000 series portable radios.

Rescinded worksheets

The following SIMS worksheets are rescinded:

- *SIMS worksheet, Extension facemasks* (Version 06)
- *SIMS worksheet, Warning gear* (Version 01)
- *SIMS worksheet, Defibrillator – AED3* (Version 01)

- *SIMS worksheet, Defibrillator – AED Plus (Version 03)*
- *SIMS worksheet – Firefighting and duty wear (Version 06)*

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NOTICES

2020-2021 Christmas/New Year Period

The NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet's Memorandum M2019-03 issued on 14 October 2019, advises NSW public sector agencies about public holidays and service delivery requirements for the three years 2019-2022.

The 2020 -2021 Christmas closedown period is from Friday 25 December 2020 – Friday 8 January 2021 inclusive.

All Administrative/Trades staff are encouraged to maximise the use of Recreational or Flex leave, wherever possible, ensuring front line services are maintained. Staff with excessive leave balances may be directed to take leave during this period. Managers must coordinate with their staff to ensure leave is maximised during this period.

Public Holidays

The public holidays are as follows:

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| • Friday 25 December 2020 | Christmas Day |
| • Saturday 26 December 2020 | Boxing Day |
| • Monday 28 December 2020 | Additional Day for Boxing Day |
| • Tuesday 29 December 2020 | Public Service Holiday (Administration & Trades only) |
| • Friday 1 January 2021 | New Year's Day |

Public Service Holiday

The Public Service Holiday for Fire & Rescue NSW has been determined by the Commissioner as Tuesday 29 December 2020.

Staff who are directed to work on that day are entitled to be absent from duty on one of the other working days between Boxing Day and New Year's Day without loss of pay.

Where staff are directed to work on all the working days between Boxing Day and New Year's Day they are entitled to be paid overtime at the 'Public Holiday' rate for work performed on the Public Service Holiday, Tuesday 29 December 2020.

Part time employees are entitled to be absent on the Public Service Holiday and receive ordinary pay if they would normally have worked on that day. Those who do not normally work on that day are not entitled to compensation.

Concessional Leave

For employees required to work during the closedown period and subject to industrial instruments and FRNSW's operational and staffing requirements, concessional leave will be available to eligible employees for the afternoon of 24 December 2020 (Christmas Eve).

To be eligible for concessional leave, employees must be required to be on duty that morning and must work half the standard full-time daily hours for the employee's category of employment.

Eligible employees who are directed to remain on duty for the full day on Christmas Eve are entitled to a half-day's concessional leave on the afternoon of 31 December 2020 (New Year's Eve).

Provisions for the granting and taking of concessional leave are set out in the *Public Service Industrial Relations Guide*, 6.4 Concessional Leave.

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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.

Assistant Commissioner Operational Capability, Strategic Capability

Applications open to all staff for the role of Assistant Commissioner Operational Capability, Strategic Capability.

Inquiries: Deputy Commissioner Strategic Capability Jim Hamilton on 0448 935 335.

Closing date: 4 November 2020

Taleo reference: 00007YO1

Training Officer Firefighter Initial Training, 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 Firefighter Initial Training, Education & Training. This is a readvertised position.

Inquiries: A/Superintendent Greg Wright, A/Superintendent Initial Training on 0418 169 629.

Closing Date: 18 November 2020

Taleo Reference: 00007WH8

Inspector (Duty Commander RW3)

Applications are invited from Officers holding the rank of Inspector or Leading Station Officer for the role of Duty Commander Regional West 3.

Inquiries: Superintendent Michael Van Den Bout, Zone Commander on 0477 721 141.

Closing date: 18 November 2020

Taleo reference: 00007YGN

Training Officer Rescue, 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 Rescue, Education & Training. This is a readvertised position.

Inquiries: Station Officer Jeffrey Morse on 0448 869 205

Closing Date: 18 November 2020

Taleo Reference: 00007YTH

Appointments

Service No.	Name	Position	Effective date
8456	P Davison	Hazmat Advisory Technical Specialist	02 October 2020
902619	E Halloway	Training Officer FF Development	06 October 2020

New members appointed to Brigades

907530	P Abel	Walgett	28 September 2020
907522	S Cupitt	Batlow	01 October 2020
907531	T Rochford	Jerilderie	01 October 2020
907534	B Mascarella	Leura	05 October 2020
907536	B Boardman	Wangi Wangi	05 October 2020
907537	A Van Der Graaf	South Tamworth	06 October 2020
907541	L Primmer	Wingham	12 October 2020
907547	R Turner	Broken Hill	13 October 2020
907544	S Middleton	Kearsley	15 October 2020
907538	N Sawyer	Albury	20 October 2020

Appointment to Rank

903583	RetF R O'Keefe	Deputy Captain	Coraki	09 September 2020
900261	RetF F Hallam	Deputy Captain	Yamba	10 September 2020

Relinquishment of Rank

394020	DCapt A Thomson	Retained Firefighter	Mulwala	01 October 2020
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Transfers

522234	RetF W Koppel	South Grafton	to	Grafton	30 September 2020
906381	RetF O Young	The Entrance	to	Nowra	30 September 2020

903484 RetF D Mifsud Kurri Kurri to Abermain 10 October 2020

Separations

906264	RetF C Dwyer	Wellington	06 August 2020
520273	RetF C Lyon	Walcha	31 August 2020
906252	RetF Z Holz	Brewarrina	11 September 2020
903695	RetF J Wrigley	Wingham	18 September 2020
906568	RetF T Lomas	Mittagong	24 September 2020
902741	RetF C Fischbeck	Kelso	30 September 2020

Retirements

6614	SF A Pearce		24 April 2020
259017	RetF C Coleman	Condobolin	22 September 2020
901674	RetF F Cowper	Morisset	08 October 2020

Honorary List

259017	RetF C Coleman	Condobolin	23 September 2020
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ADMINISTRATION AND TRADE NOTICES**Separations**

Service No.	Name	Position	Effective date
30099	G Coles	Safety Advisor	16 October 2020

Paul Baxter
Commissioner
21 October 2020