

Commissioner's Orders

13 September 2017

2017/18



CURRENT NATIONAL SECURITY ALERT LEVEL: PROBABLE

The Commissioner regrets to advise of the passing, off duty, of 900417 Retained Firefighter Gregory Jolley of 494 Station Wentworth.

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HONOURS

National Medals and Clasps

National Medal

8196	Gregory Adams	323026	Stephen Hyder
520651	Joseph Adamthwaite	8225	Brett Jacobson
264037	Clinton Baglee	8247	Brett Johnson
381054	Derek Baker	8197	Lee Johnson
8254	Darren Bennett	495042	Rickie Johnson
8236	Bruce Billington	8208	Bryce Jonas
8217	David Blomdahl	9109	David Jordan
8198	Tyler Boatwright	8262	Matthew Jullienne
8218	Sinisa Bobosevic	283031	Stephen Kendall
477036	Robert Bowler	8209	Jamie Kwiedor
8237	Simon Bracht	389031	Walter Leonow
8219	Scott Bradshaw	8248	Glenn Lovelace
8238	Richard Braga	219031	Robert Lucas
263024	Brad Burke	8864	Gregory Mantle
316040	Robert Butler	8210	Mark McMaster
8199	Brendan Carey	9350	Brad McWilliams
8201	Luke Chalmers	520011	Eric Michelmore
477035	Annette Chapman	211033	Michael Miles
8241	Nicholas Chubb	8211	Darrel Muzyczka
521842	Philip Clift	8212	David Nelson
521537	Daniel Coles	495040	Anton Pujic
900258	Paul Collins	492037	Robert Pursehouse
8255	Simon Colman	8228	Fraser Remington
8202	Neil Dannenberg	8229	Olaf Ruhen
8200	Marcus Davidson	8264	Luke Russell
279027	Anthony Dawes	8265	Matthew Russell
474051	Paul Dawson	8230	Daniel Shaw
232017	Adam Dewar	522189	Wayne Sly
8203	John Diggin	9029	Benjamin Sposzta
377031	Evan Dowling	9298	Garry Stephens
8221	Peter Downman	384035	Leslie Stevens
105013	Raymond Dresser	8266	Brad Stewart
346033	Terry Dryburgh	8916	John Stokes
8257	Rodney Dye	236040	Stanley Thistleton
8222	Peter Edwards	903611	Ross Thompson
349046	Ian Fletcher	521181	Dallas Thurlow
365025	John Fox	286033	Craig Turnbull
903800	Matthew Gair	204035	Paul Ueberdiek
8205	Dean Gardiner	8253	Chad Wallace
8223	Frank Gates	8232	Matthew Ward
8242	Andrew Giardini	904395	Jeffrey Watson
8259	Brent Giles	8267	Iain Watt
8206	Rodney Gould	8268	Craig Wilde
901259	Robert Gower	8233	Mark Wilkinson
8224	Andrew Griffiths	8234	Gregory Williams
8261	Jason Hardy	8226	Angus Wilson
8243	Adam Hastie	8214	Mark Wilson
8244	Phillip Hay	9098	Paul Wilson
294030	Brendan Hayes	404051	Luke Wiseman
307026	Dean Hayes	521326	Sheree Wright
8207	David Hinchcliffe	8215	Jason Yeung
8246	Michael Hreszczuk		

First Clasp

521842	Philip Clift	402023	Michael Larkin
5062	Leahy Grahame	454009	Peter McGee
321017	Jeffrey Wall	7300	David Myers
467040	Antony Bottero	7123	Andrew Peake
521758	Kenneth Brinkley	215018	Peter Salter
442023	Peter Carroll	7126	Andrew Saville
7125	Brendan Cox	7469	Jamie Sewell
442024	Bradley Culpin	7308	Adrian Sutherland
442022	Gerard Dallacosta	314024	Gordon Turner
8140	Wayne Foster	7757	Christor Van Schie
203011	John Hawkins	7124	Peter Yates
401019	Ewen Jones		

Second Clasp

522348	John Rigoni	203011	John Hawkins
5882	Russell Airey	79010	Terence Hay
5871	Clayton Allison	5885	Philip Host
5877	Robert Barton	5880	Victor Jenkins
472007	Stephen Beck	454009	Peter McGee
5870	Scott Beers	5865	Edgar Mednis
387011	Terence Canham	5891	Robert Murray
5872	Gregory Chapple	502009	Gregory Paine
385010	Renato D'Adam	5875	Paul Robinson
5876	Robert Earl	5864	Ian Sargent
5889	Rodney Farr	5862	Raymond Scott
5868	Mervyn Gaut	441011	Anthony Thorp
444011	John Gilbert	5860	Anthony Waller
456012	Paul Harmon	265011	Antonio Zumbo

Third Clasp

4632	Stefan Filla
4623	Trevon Moore
278007	Kenneth Rose

POLICIES

Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) policy

The [Remotely Piloted Aircraft System \(RPAS\) policy](#) details the implementation of the capability into FRNSW.

Key points

- RPAS are used as a tool to increase situational awareness of incident management teams which in turn leads to improved firefighter safety on the incident ground. RPAS are used throughout the prevention, preparation, response and recovery phase of operations for data gathering purposes.
- FRNSW has been issued with Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Operator Certificate (UOC). All aerial operations using RPAS will be conducted in accordance with the conditions and limitations placed on the UOC.

Who needs to read the plan?

This policy applies to all users of the RPAS capability whether as a RPAS controller, Incident Commander (IC) or firefighter.

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PROCEDURES

Structure collapse

Any change to the structural integrity of a structure weakens it and affects stability, which could cause a partial or complete collapse. Firefighters could be killed or injured if a structure collapses on them. No level of PPE can provide protection.

A structure collapse [eLearning package](#) has been published. The [Structure collapse toolkit](#) has been updated.

The following documents have also been published on the Intranet:

- SOG 4.20, [Structure collapse](#) (Version 02)
- SOG 4.20, [Structure collapse check sheet](#) (Version 02)
- SOG 4.20, [Structure collapse guideline support document](#)

Key points

- These documents and the eLearning provide guidelines to assist firefighters in assessing the risk of structure collapse at an incident.
- The guideline support document (GSD) and eLearning expand on the SOG and provide an overview of structure collapse risk, contributors to structure collapse, and control measures that can be put in place. They also provide information about particular construction types that pose a structure collapse risk under certain conditions.

What needs to be done?

- All firefighters are required to complete the [Structure Collapse eLearning](#) as part of the Station Training Program. There are 4 modules, which will take a maximum of 1.5 hours to complete.
- To complete the training as a team exercise:
 - Each firefighter present at the training – Sign into SMART (retained) or eOccurrence (permanent) and enter Structure Collapse as the drill subject.
 - One person present at the drill – On the Station Training Program page, follow the link to Structure Collapse, and sign into Learning Hub.
 - As a team – Complete the Structure Collapse eLearning modules.
- Firefighters can directly access the Structure Collapse eLearning on Learning Hub.
- Station Commanders must ensure that all crews are aware of the contents of the SOG.

Rescindments

Publication of these documents rescinds the following:

- SOG 4.20, *Concrete wall panel construction* (Version 01)
- SOG 4.20, *Concrete wall panel construction check sheet* (Version 01)
- SOG 4.20, *Concrete wall panel construction guideline support document* (Version 01)
- Safety Bulletin 2015-02, *Wall collapse risk at incidents* (Version 01)
- Safety Bulletin 2003-06, *Laminated timber 'T' beams* (Version 01)
- Firefighter Training Manual, Section 10.5 Building collapse (Volume 1, Topic 2 Fire Suppression Urban, Section 10 Attacking the Fire)

Updating folders

If your station maintains an A4 SOG folder, print out the SOGs and file them in the folder. Make an entry in the Occurrence Book.

The check sheet will be printed and distributed in hard copy in due course, for filing in the A5 SOG check sheet folder carried on appliances. In the meantime, you can print out a temporary A5 check sheet and file it in the A5 folder. There are instructions on [printing temporary SOG check sheets](#) on the intranet. You can also print and file the updated [check sheet folder contents](#).

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Leadership Development Application and Selection Procedure

The [Leadership Development Application and Selection Procedure](#) has been approved and is now available on the intranet.

(Link <http://intranet.nswfire.nsw.gov.au/training/organisation-wide/leadership/leadership-management/application-process>)

Key points

Leadership and management training is important to FRNSW. This procedure describes:

- How to apply for leadership and management development courses that are delivered or coordinated by the Education and Training Directorate.
- How to establish a Selection Committee to assess applications.
- All staff may apply for leadership and management development using this procedure.

This procedure does not include Progression/Promotion Programs, technical training or firefighter skills training.

For more information on FRNSW leadership and management training opportunities, click here. (link <http://intranet.nswfire.nsw.gov.au/training/organisation-wide/leadership/leadership-management>)

For more information on leadership development, click here. (link <http://intranet.nswfire.nsw.gov.au/toolkit/organisation-wide/leadership/frnsw>)

Rescinds

In Orders 2001/8 – Professional Development Training Policy

In Orders 1997/24 – Professional Development Plan

Who needs to read this procedure?

All staff should be aware of the program.

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AWARDS

Matrix update

The distances have been amended as follows:

Station	Station	Old Matrix Distance (return)	New Matrix Distance (return)	Date of effect
43 Seven Hills	88 Campbelltown	78	87	5 September 2017
88 Campbelltown	488 Shellharbour	144	156	5 September 2017
43 Seven Hills	488 Shellharbour	n/a	243	5 September 2017

Retrospective claims will be dealt with automatically and reflect any increase between the old and new kilometre distances.

The amended distances have been updated in the consolidated [Travel Matrix](#).

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File Reference: *FRN16/3*

NOTICES

Bush Fire Danger Period 2017/18

The general bush fire danger period for NSW during 2017/18 commences on 01 October 2017 and will stay in force until 31 March 2018. Depending on local fire conditions, some local government areas may alter or extend the legislated bush fire danger period.

For numerous local government areas, the bush fire danger period commenced on 01 August 2017. 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. Note that outside the Bushfire Danger Period, for any fire that might impact a building (most fires within a Fire District have this potential), requires a fire 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 5489.

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.

Contact Officer: Bushfire Superintendent Jeffrey Hogan (02) 8741 4933

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 copy of the NSW Government Gazette is available on the [Total Fire Bans & Exemptions Toolkit](#).

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

Contact Officer: Bushfire Superintendent Jeffrey Hogan (02) 8741 4933

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See the FRNSW Publications page for the current version

PERMANENT 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

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

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

Operational Support Inspector, Fire Safety Assessor

Applications are invited from firefighters holding the ranks of Inspector, Leading Station Officer and Station Officer for the position of Operational Support Inspector, Fire Safety Assessor.

Note, that to be eligible to apply a Station Officer must have at least 24 months service with FRNSW as a Station Officer.

This is a readvertised position.

Inquiries: Daire Fleming, Manager Fire Safety Advisory Unit on 0417 563 437

Closing Date: 11 October 2017

Taleo Reference: 00005EL5

Training Officer BA/Hazmat Training, Operational Support Level 2

Applications are invited from firefighters with at least 48 months service from date of commencement as a Recruit Firefighter for the role of Training Officer BA/Hazmat Training.

This is a re-advertised position.

Inquiries: Station Officer Chad Wallace on 02 9318 4346

Closing Date: 11 October 2017

Taleo Reference: 00005K1Y

Operator, Newcastle Communications Centre x 3

Applications are invited from firefighters ranked Qualified Firefighter and above for the role of Operator, Newcastle Communications Centre. This is a readvertised position.

Inquiries: Response Coordinator on 02 9318 4802.

Closing Date: 11 October 2017

Taleo Reference: 00005JNO

Appointments

Service No.	Name	Position	Effective date
6273	D Pescud	Superintendent, Community Fire Unit	11.09.2017
7793	N Gaité	Training & Assessment Officer, OS2	04.09.2017
8253	C Wallace	Operational Support Inspector (Team Leader BA/Hazmat Training)	12.09.2017
9031	R Tonacia	Training Officer Initial Skills Training, OS2	12.09.2017

Promotions

Inspector to Superintendent

6273	D Pescud	11 September 2017
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Leading Firefighter to Station Officer

The promotion of Leading Firefighter Sigmund to Station Officer in the Commissioner's Orders 2017/13 should have read:

8739	M Sigmund	04 May 2017
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Senior Firefighter to Leading Firefighter

9101	T Conn	07 May 2017
9184	B Grugan	05 July 2017

Firefighter to Qualified Firefighter

902053	R Colling	02 August 2017
902064	D Coutts	06 September 2017
902071	Z Bailey	28 August 2017

Recruit Firefighter to Firefighter

506030	K Phillips	02 September 2017
900766	J Bartley	02 September 2017
901298	J Griffin	02 September 2017
903942	Z Nejaim	02 September 2017
904263	A Gibbons	02 September 2017
904335	A Cronin	02 September 2017
905344	A Andrew	02 September 2017
905345	R Attanasio	02 September 2017
905346	M Baum	02 September 2017
905347	C Cassady	02 September 2017
905348	J Denton	02 September 2017
905349	N Hawes	02 September 2017
905351	K Herington	02 September 2017
905352	I Kades	02 September 2017
905353	D Karpierz	02 September 2017
905354	A King	02 September 2017
905355	S Nunez	02 September 2017
905356	S Purvez	02 September 2017
905357	J Ryan	02 September 2017

905358	M Staples	02 September 2017
905359	L Tighe	02 September 2017
905360	D Walker	02 September 2017

Separations

Retirements

7435	SO P Eastment	01 September 2017
5788	SO G Ellis	08 September 2017
7697	SF D Turner	08 September 2017

Resignations

90452	QF S McPadden	01 September 2017
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RETAINED FIREFIGHTERS NOTICES

New members appointed to Brigades

905587	A Auguste	Rhodes		28 August 2017
905592	T Gustowski	Junee		31 August 2017
905594	R O'Grady	Warren		31 August 2017
905591	D Seton	Condobolin		31 August 2017
904651	N Scalmer	Wyong		31 August 2017
905593	J Vowell	Camden		31 August 2017
905586	S Assenheim	Wallerawang		01 September 2017
905596	D Booby	Tumut		01 September 2017
905595	P Dunne	Goulburn		01 September 2017
905602	B Smith	Wallerawang		01 September 2017
905603	D Wong	Rhodes		06 September 2017
905597	J Ducat	Kempsey		09 September 2017

Transfers

904880	RetF E Matthews	Bundanoon	to	Unanderra	26 August 2017
903987	RetF B Clifford	West Tamworth		Narrabri	28 August 2017
900625	RetF J Rumble	Stockton		Queanbeyan	07 September 2017

Separations

900017	RetF W Robinson	Leura		08 August 2017
903841	RetF W Stieger	Camden		11 August 2017
900894	RetF A Healy	Lockhart		14 August 2017
902639	RetF A Carrall	Merriwa		15 August 2017
905324	RetF K Doherty	Boggabri		16 August 2017
903425	RetF C Hamilton	Wentworth Falls		17 August 2017
521992	RetF D Aldridge	Grafton		22 August 2017
905217	RetF A Van Driel	Stockton		29 August 2017
904543	RetF D Cosgrove	Wyong		01 September 2017
521747	RetF B Rourke	Toukley		02 September 2017
905326	RetF R McCann	Branxton		08 September 2017

Retirements

227014	Capt R Moxon	Blayney		18 August 2017
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Honorary List

227014	Capt R Moxon	Blayney		19 August 2017
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ADMINISTRATION AND TRADE NOTICES**Appointments**

Service No.	Name	Position	Effective date
905576	Z Wang	Engineer	04 September 2017
905570	M Cox	Engineer	11 September 2017
905599	M Ting	Business Partner ICT	18 September 2017

Paul Baxter
Commissioner
13 September 2017