

# Commissioner's Orders



8 November 2017

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**CURRENT NATIONAL SECURITY ALERT LEVEL: PROBABLE**

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## POLICY

### Asbestos

The asbestos doctrine has been reviewed and updated, to provide better guidance for firefighters attending incidents where asbestos may be present.

An [Asbestos Awareness eLearning](#) package has been published. The Asbestos [toolkit](#) has been updated.

The following documents have been published on the Intranet:

- [Asbestos at incidents policy](#) (Version 01)
- [SOG 10.11 Asbestos](#) (Version 05)
- [SOG 10.11 Asbestos check sheet](#) (Version 03)
- [Guideline Support Document for SOG 10.11 Asbestos](#) (Version 04)
- [Work instruction: Decontaminating firefighters and equipment for asbestos](#) (Version 01)

### Key points

- These documents and the eLearning provide guidance for firefighters to assist them to assess the risk of asbestos at an incident.
- The *Asbestos at incidents policy* describes FRNSW's capability for dealing with asbestos at incidents.
- The updated SOG, check sheet, and guideline support document:
  - Change references of *bonded* asbestos to *non-friable* asbestos in line with current legislation.
  - Provide better guidance on the legislative context and agency responsibilities for the management of asbestos in NSW.
  - Provide more information on potential asbestos containing materials, including naturally occurring asbestos.
  - Provide additional guidelines for managing asbestos at incidents other than structure fires.
  - Explain dust suppression tactics for incidents where asbestos is a hazard.
  - Include PVA temporary binding as a dust suppression technique.
- The work instruction provides detailed procedures in relation to decontaminating firefighters and equipment for asbestos.
- As part of the project, the EPA fact sheet on asbestos has been included in the After the Incident Kit for owners and occupants after a fire.

### What needs to be done?

- All firefighters are required to complete the Asbestos Awareness eLearning as part of the Station Training Program. There are 2 modules that will take maximum 1 hour 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 Hazmat Practical as the drill subject.
  - *One person present at the training* – On the Station Training Program page, follow the link to Hazmat Practical and sign into Learning Hub.
  - *As a team* – Complete the Asbestos Awareness eLearning modules.
- Firefighters can directly access the Asbestos Awareness 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 10.11 *Asbestos* (Version 04)
- SOG 10.11 *Asbestos* check sheet (Version 02)
- Guideline Support Document, SOG 10.11, *Asbestos* (Version 03)
- Safety Bulletin 2015-03, *Asbestos containment bags* (Version 01)
- Safety Bulletin 2012-05, *Asbestos risk – Great Wall and Chery motor vehicles* (Version 01)

## Who needs to read these documents?

All Commanders must ensure that all crews are aware of the contents of these documents and incorporate them in station training.

## 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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*File Reference:* FRN14/3405



## PERMANENT FIREFIGHTER NOTICES

### Vacancies

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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.

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### Station Officer, Regional Operations, Orange

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Applications are invited from officers holding the ranks of Station Officer, Leading Station Officer or Leading Firefighter for the role of Station Officer, Regional Operations, Orange.

*Inquiries: Inspector Steve Evans on 0438 226 374*

*Closing Date: 6 December 2017*

*Taleo Reference: 00005O7R*

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### Duty Commander Regional South 3, Regional Operations, Albury

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Applications are invited from officers holding the ranks of Inspector, Leading Station Officer and Station Officer with 24 months service with FRNSW at Station Officer rank for the position of Duty Commander RS3, Regional Operations, Albury. This is a re-advertised position.

*Inquiries: Superintendent Stewart Alexander on 0417 651 826*

*Closing Date: 6 December 2017*

*Taleo Reference: 00005P2I*

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### Operational Support Inspector (Team Leader Operational Communications Training)

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Applications are invited from firefighters holding the ranks of Inspector, Leading Station Officer Station Officer with 24 months service with FRNSW at Station Officer rank for the role of Team Leader Operational Communications Training, Education & Training. This is a readvertised position.

*Inquiries: Superintendent Andrew Faunce on 0418 162 804*

*Closing Date: 6 December 2017*

*Taleo Reference: 00005JOH*

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## Training Officer, ComSafe, Operational Support Level 2

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Applications are invited from firefighters with at least 48 months service from the date of commencement as a Recruit Firefighter for the position of Training Officer ComSafe Training Services.

As this is a re-advertised position, applications are also invited from Retained Firefighters with at least 48 months service as a Retained Firefighter.

**NOTE for Retained Firefighters:** *This is a Permanent Firefighter Operational Support position and in order to take up this appointment, Retained Firefighters will be required to relinquish their Retained employment, commence Permanent employment and remain in the position of ComSafe Training Officer for a minimum period of 3 years.*

*Inquiries: Manager, ComSafe, Terri Anne Mathews on 02 9269 6422*

*Closing Date: 6 December 2017*

*Taleo Reference: 00005F1L*

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## Appointments

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Service No.	Name	Position	Start Date
9291	K Matthews	Operator Communications	18 September 2017
9359	A Arthur	Coordination Officer, OS2	31 October 2017
9438	P Thompson	Training Officer BA/Hazmat, OS2	6 November 2017

## Promotions

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### Senior Firefighter to Leading Firefighter

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8399	M Swane	27 June 2017
8547	D Scifleet	19 July 2017
8710	L Harris	23 July 2017
8758	P Davis	9 July 2017
9404	R Gibb	15 July 2017

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### Qualified Firefighter to Senior Firefighter

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#### Class 17

7306	M Hardman	1 January 2017
9386	G White	5 August 2017
901755	K Cass	28 February 2018

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### Firefighter to Qualified Firefighter

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902710	F Westwood	13 September 2017
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## Separations

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### Resignation

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902769	QF T Daymond	29 October 2017
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### Retirements

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5727	Chief Superintendent C Lewis AFSM	30 October 2017
6380	SF C Mitchell	27 October 2017
902361	FF B Wilkinson	20 October 2017

## RETAINED FIREFIGHTERS NOTICES

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### New members appointed to Brigades

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902114	R Thompson	Dungog	20 October 2017
905679	N Willson	Canowindra	23 October 2017
905680	L Walsh	Finley	25 October 2017
905681	M Smith	Moree	25 October 2017
905670	R Hendrick	Charlestown	26 October 2017
905677	M Donnelly	Stockton	1 November 2017
905686	L Potts	Terrigal	1 November 2017
905685	J Scowen	Wingham	7 November 2017

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### Appointment to Rank

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900747	RetF R Cairnduff	to Deputy Captain	Mittagong	15 September 2017
343023	RetF S Barratt	to Deputy Captain	Blackheath	19 October 2017
902797	RetF M Sherlock	to Deputy Captain	Oberon	20 October 2017
227017	DCap A Kearney	to Captain	Blayney	20 October 2017
307013	RetF D Wilks	to Deputy Captain	South Grafton	25 October 2017

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### Transfers

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905065	RetF L Wilson	Woolgoolga	to	Murwillumbah	18 October 2017
204035	RetF P Ueberdiek	Alstonville	to	Ballina	30 October 2017
905247	RetF S Purnell	South Grafton	to	Grafton	1 November 2017

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### Separations

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901792	RetF M McMillan	Orange	1 September 2017
520035	RetF N Corby	Goonellabah	18 September 2017
903549	RetF M Bradley	Walgett	19 September 2017
901216	RetF M Bertram	Toronto	28 September 2017
903360	RetF M Clough	Dorrigo	2 October 2017
902433	DCap C Crompton	Saratoga	11 October 2017
902535	RetF M Treptow	Urunga	16 October 2017
904316	RetF L Jones	Junee	25 October 2017

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**Retirement**

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## ADMINISTRATION & TRADES STAFF NOTICES

### Appointments

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<b>Service No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
905613	M Lewin	Senior Project Officer	27 September 2017
905625	A Sharma	Administrative Support Officer	3 October 2017
904855	D Fonseka	Administrative Support Officer	3 October 2017
905631	G Shepherd	Fire Vehicle Repairer – Mechanical	3 October 2017
905676	B Cock	Facility Manager	23 October 2017
903466	B Adamson	Fleet Support Coordinator	2 November 2017
903839	V Lazarevski	Fleet Senior Administrative Officer	2 November 2017
904685	M Grant	Senior Project Officer Safety Management	6 November 2017

### Separations

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<b>Service No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective date</b>
903237	C Archer	Fleet Electrical Controller	1 November 2017
30198	Z Haque	Systems Admin Officer	1 November 2017

**Paul Baxter**  
**Commissioner**  
**8 November 2017**