



# Commissioner's Orders

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**CURRENT NATIONAL SECURITY ALERT LEVEL: PROBABLE**

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## PROCEDURES

### Electricity SOGs

Electricity is a hazard for firefighters at fires. The Electricity SOGs have been updated.

The following documents have been published on the Intranet:

- SOG 14.2 [Isolating power](#) (Version 03) and [check sheet](#) (Version 03)
- SOG 14.3 [Wires down](#) (Version 02) and [check sheet](#) (Version 02)
- SOG 14.4 [Working near power lines](#) (Version 02) and [check sheet](#) (Version 02)
- SOG 14.5 [Substations](#) (Version 02) and [check sheet](#) (Version 02)
- SOG 14.6 [Poles, kiosks, pillar boxes and street fixtures](#) (Version 02) and [check sheet](#) (Version 02)
- SOG 14.7 [Alternative power sources](#) (Version 03) and [check sheet](#) (Version 03)
- GSD 14.2-14.7 [Electricity SOGs guideline support document](#) (Version 05)

The eLearning modules for Electricity have also been updated on Learning Station.

### Key points

The updates include the following:

- Updated instructions regarding what to do if you get an electric shock, in line with the current policy *Workers requiring medical assistance and transportation*.
- Added instructions on Wires Down incidents, including use of MDT, in line with current Wires Down protocols.
- Incorporated instructions from bulletins and toolkit about:
  - National Broadband Network.
  - Static electricity.
  - Electrical safety kit.
  - Low voltage energised equipment.
- Broadened references to hybrid vehicles to include electric vehicles, plus added information about electric charging stations.
- New information about battery energy storage systems (BESS).
- New information about solar panel fires.

### What needs to be done?

Station Commanders must ensure that all crews are aware of the contents of the SOGs. All operational staff must sign off the SOGs – station staff sign off in the Station Planning System (SPS); operational staff not attached to a station sign off in Employee Self Service (ESS).

### Rescindments

Publication of these documents rescinds the following:

- SOG 14.1 *Telecommunications* (Version A) and check sheet (Version A)
- SOG 14.2 *Isolating power at incidents* (Version 02) and check sheet (Version 02)
- SOG 14.3 *Wires down* (Version 01) and check sheet (Version 01)
- SOG 14.4 *Working near power lines* (Version 01) and check sheet (Version 01)

- SOG 14.5 *Substations* (Version 01) and check sheet (Version 01)
- SOG 14.6 *Poles, kiosks, pillar boxes and street fixtures* (Version 01) and check sheet (Version 01)
- SOG 14.7 *Alternative power sources* (Version 02) and check sheet (Version 02)
- *GSD 14.2-14.7 Electricity SOGs guideline support document* (Version 04)
- Safety Bulletin 2013-02 *Extinguishing low voltage energised electrical equipment* (Version 01)
- Safety Bulletin 2011-04 *Electric shock injuries* (Version 01)

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*File Reference:* FRN19/1315

## Infection Prevention and Control Manual 2020

### Key points

Utilising Government Legislation, Regulations and Guidelines, evidence-based knowledge and referencing FRNSW's current doctrine, FRNSW subject matter experts have revised the previous edition of the Infection Prevention and Control Manual. Though the major content matter is largely unchanged, there have been some existing information updates, references and refinements making it a more straightforward manual for which FRNSW staff to refer.

Information regarding COVID-19 is not included in the Infection Prevention and Control Manual due to the uniqueness and transitory nature of this disease and the potential for changes to response accordingly to the current Government guidelines. The [COVID-19 portal](#) will continue to supply current information to all FRNSW staff to access and will continue to be updated accordingly.

### Toolkit

More information is available on the intranet via the [Health and Safety toolkit](#) and [COVID-19 portal](#).

### Who needs to read the plan?

To assist firefighters adopt a proactive approach to infection prevention and control, FRNSW personnel must observe all Infection Prevention and Control protocols relevant to specific areas. While personal protective equipment (PPE) and vaccination programs afford vital protection, increasing awareness by ingraining infection prevention and control principles into training and incident planning is essential.

### Rescindments

This policy/procedure rescinds:

- Infection Prevention and Control Manual Version 2 – 08/2015

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*File Reference:* D20/72061

## NOTICES

### Anzac Day 2021

ANZAC Day is a national day of remembrance that goes beyond the anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember all Australians who served and died in war operations and on operational service. The spirit of ANZAC, with its qualities of courage, comradeship, and self-sacrifice continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of National identity.

#### **ANZAC Day March**

The aim of the ANZAC Day March is to give the participating veterans, ex-services personnel and the public an opportunity to honour those who served in the defence of Australia or its interests, especially remembering those who paid the supreme sacrifice or otherwise suffered because of their service.

FRNSW has conducted an ANZAC Day Remembrance Service at No. 1 Station, City of Sydney, and has marched as a Unit under Command in the Sydney ANZAC Day March since 1928.

#### **Eligibility to March**

Eligibility to march in the ANZAC Day March is determined by the Returned and Services League of Australia. In short, anyone eligible to be a member of the RSL is eligible to participate in the ANZAC Day March. One descendant of a deceased veteran may also honour their relative's service by wearing the relative's medals on their right breast.

#### **COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Requirements**

The RSL has approved FRNSW to march as a Unit under Command in the 2021 Sydney ANZAC Day on the following conditions.

- 1) That FRNSW implements an ANZAC Day March Participants COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Plan.
- 2) That all participants intending to march in the FRNSW Contingent pre-register with the FRNSW Contingent Co-ordinator by Thursday 23 April 2021.
- 3) That all FRNSW Contingent participants check-in at No. 1 Station on ANZAC Day via the FRNSW-Services NSW QR Code prior to the commencement of the Sydney ANZAC Day March.

#### **Dress**

Dress uniform (full ceremonial) for uniformed personnel.  
Lounge suit/smart casual for administrative and trades personnel

#### **Protocol for wearing medals.**

Current and former FRNSW employees who have been awarded FRNSW Commendations and Awards who wish to honour a relative's war service by wearing their relative's medals should wear the relative's medals on the right breast below their FRNSW Commendations and Awards.

#### **FRNSW ANZAC Day Remembrance Service**

FRNSW will conduct the FRNSW ANZAC Day Remembrance Service at City of Sydney Fire Station.

Off duty personnel, families and friends are welcome to attend the FRNSW ANZAC Day Remembrance Service at City of Sydney Fire Station which commences at 07:50 hours on ANZAC Day.

All visitors attending must Check-in via the FRNSW-Services NSW QR-Code.

*Contact Officer:* Superintendent Peter Stathis AFSM, Zone Commander ME1  
(02) 9265 2705.

*File Reference:* NFB/00128

## **Anzac Day Leave**

Sunday 25 April 2021 is ANZAC Day.

Special leave will be approved for all ex-services personnel and current serving Australian Defence Force Reserve personnel who are rostered for duty on ANZAC Day and who march with the FRNSW Contingent in the **Sydney** ANZAC Day March.

This leave will be approved for the hours that eligible personnel would otherwise have worked between 0800 hours, Sunday 25 April 2021 and 0800 hours, Monday 26 April 2021, and will not be deducted from personal leave credits.

Eligible personnel who desire to march with the FRNSW Contingent must submit an ANZAC DAY LEAVE FORM. Applications for ANZAC Day Leave will close at 0800 hours on Thursday 22 April 2021.

### **How to apply for ANZAC Day Leave**

1. Download and complete an ANZAC Day Leave form from the Station Portal.
2. Attach proof of your Defence Force Service such as a copy of your Defence Force enlistment or discharge papers; and
3. Forward your completed ANZAC Day Leave form, together with your proof of Defence Force Service papers to the ANZAC Day Co-ordinator as follows:
  - (i) By email to: [metroeastadmin@fire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:metroeastadmin@fire.nsw.gov.au)

Eligible personnel who fail to submit an ANZAC Day Leave form together with proof of Defence Force Service by Thursday 22 April 2021 will not be granted ANZAC Day Leave.

ANZAC Day Leave is only available to eligible personnel who march with the FRNSW Contingent in the **Sydney** ANZAC Day March.

*Contact Officer:* Superintendent Peter Stathis AFSM, Zone Commander ME1  
(02) 9265 2705.

*File Reference:* NFB/00129

## 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 resume and address the two targeted questions.

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#### **Operator, Communication Centre Newcastle (4 positions)**

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Applications are invited from eligible firefighters with at least 48 months service from the date of commencement as a Recruit Firefighter and are stationed within the Newcastle Transfer area (28.6.1 Crown Employees (FRNSW Permanent Firefighting Staff) Award 2020) for the role of Operator, Communication Centre Newcastle.

Successful applicants will be required to successfully complete the required training, and on appointment, to serve in the Newcastle Communication Centre for a minimum period of three years (28.6.3 Crown Employees (FRNSW Permanent Firefighting Staff) Award 2020).

*Inquiries:* Response Coordinator (02) 9318 4802

*Closing Date:* 5 May 2021

*Taleo Reference:* 000088LN

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#### **Technical Operations Officer – Aviation (Relieving) x 4, 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 role of Technical Operations Officer- Aviation Relieving, Operational Capability.

*Inquiries:* Team Leader Bushfire and Aviation  
Inspector Ryan Neich on 0436 301 381.

*Closing Date:* 5 May 2021

*Taleo Reference:* 000088F0

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**Training Officer BA Hazmat, Operational Support Station Officer/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 role of Training Officer BA Hazmat, Education & Training. This role is being readvertised under Clause 14.10 of the Crown Employees (Fire and Rescue NSW Permanent Firefighting Staff) Award 2020.

*Inquiries:*                      *Inspector Trent Brown on 0433 798 983*

*Closing Date:*                *5 May 2021*

*Taleo Reference:*            *000088MP*

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**Wellbeing Coordinator, Operational Support Inspector**


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Applications are invited from officers holding the rank of Inspector or Leading Station Officer for the role of Wellbeing Coordinator, People & Culture.

*Inquiries:*                      *Brendan Mott on 0437 598 610*

*Closing Date:*                *5 May 2021*

*Taleo Reference:*            *000088N9*

## Promotions

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**Leading Firefighter to Station Officer**


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9363	J Cleghorn	01 March 2021
8688	T Jennings	22 February 2021
7686	S Crofton	19 February 2021
8622	C McNeill	12 January 2021
8974	R Shannon	20 February 2021
8418	D Stratton	25 January 2021
8737	T Horder	24 February 2021
9118	G Herrera	03 March 2021
8004	S Ellis	04 March 2021
8348	H Wiles	22 February 2021

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**Senior Firefighter to Leading Firefighter**


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9350	B McWilliams	02 December 2019
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**Qualified Firefighter to Senior Firefighter**


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900451	J Chapple	01 January 2021
900488	M Weigner	01 December 2020
902773	J Prebble	28 January 2021

903785	S Bromley	13 January 2021
903801	H Gavin	13 January 2021
904284	L Aizenberg	15 September 2021
904298	T Randall	15 September 2021
904302	C Warren	15 September 2021

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### Firefighter to Qualified Firefighter

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906490	C Montague	15 April 2021
905516	M Noonan	27 April 2021
905585	B Faiers	20 May 2021
906586	S Kilmister	20 May 2021

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### New members appointed to Brigades

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907818	D Mancini Dominguez	Mittagong	15 March 2021
907814	L Jackson	Kiama	15 March 2021
907825	C Gray	Kearsley	16 March 2021
903695	J Wrigley	Wingham	17 March 2021
907820	G Weidner	Thirroul	17 March 2021
907815	M Cumming	Broken Hill South	18 March 2021
907816	A Stephens	Laurieton	18 March 2021
907817	S Bate	Laurieton	18 March 2021
907819	R Pratt	Junee	18 March 2021
907831	J Sharpe	Leeton	24 March 2021
907834	R Davis	West Wyalong	25 March 2021
907833	Z Fitton	Stockton	29 March 2021

Amendment: The notice relating to Retained Firefighter M Cafe in Commissioner's Orders 2021/05 was incorrect and should have read:

907786	M Cafe	Glenbrook	15 March 2021
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### Appointment to Rank

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236035	RetF B Hewitt	Deputy Captain	Braidwood	18 March 2021
905330	RetF M Herbert	Deputy Captain	Coffs Harbour	18 March 2021

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### Transfers

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905526	RetF M Hodges	Minmi	to	Wallsend	20 March 2021
904471	RetF C Newby	Minmi	to	Wallsend	25 March 2021
904915	RetF E Dean	Queanbeyan	to	Braidwood	25 March 2021
905819	RetF J Neely	Dubbo	to	Cessnock	25 March 2021
901326	RetF B Smyth	Dubbo	to	Singleton	29 March 2021
905869	RetF J Honeysett	Kandos	to	Bathurst	21 April 2021



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## Separations

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6445	QF G Heinrich	City of Sydney	09 April 2021
901103	RetF A Keefe	Hillston	04 February 2021
902662	RetF J Keefe	Hillston	04 February 2021
904758	RetF E Dent	Ropes Crossing	08 March 2021
905409	RetF G Newell	Oberon	11 March 2021
905313	RetF E Velevitch	The Entrance	12 March 2021
905962	RetF S Crinis	Thirroul	15 March 2021
521766	RetF P Robson	Swansea	16 March 2021

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## Retirements

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6990	SF C Smith	Tweed Heads	26 March 2021
6242	SF J Aisbett	Castle Hill	09 April 2021
902781	SF K Robinson	Crow's Nest	09 April 2021

Amendment: The notice relating to SF F Gates in Commissioner's Orders 2021/05 was incorrect and should have read:

8223	SF F Gates	Mona Vale	11 March 2021
281006	RetF J Smith	Dunedoo	01 March 2021
215003	Capt P Hancock	Barraba	16 March 2021
215005	DCapt I Butler	Barraba	16 March 2021
521115	RetF M Kelly	Alstonville	26 March 2021

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## Honorary List

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281006	RetF J Smith	Dunedoo	02 March 2021
215003	Capt P Hancock	Barraba	17 March 2021
215005	DCapt I Butler	Barraba	17 March 2021
521115	RetF M Kelly	Alstonville	27 March 2021

## ADMINISTRATION AND TRADE NOTICES

### Appointments

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<b>Service No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective date</b>
905261	S Kahkejian	Administrative Support Officer (HR Analytics)	15 March 2021
904464	S Barnes	Administrative Support Officer (Property)	07 April 2021
907499	D Fenlon	Area Administrative Support Officer	15 March 2021

**Jeremy Fewtrell AFSM**  
**Acting Commissioner**  
**07 April 2021**