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DEFEO201C Respond to fire

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Modification History

Release	TP version	Comments
2	DEF12 V2	Layout adjusted.
1	DEF12 V1	First release.

Unit Descriptor

This unit covers the competency required to carry out initial response to suppress a fire. It also includes the ability to identify the nature and classification of the fire, report the fire and carry out evacuation procedures.

The unit does not cover the competencies needed to become a professional or volunteer firefighter; these competencies are covered in other units in the Fire sector of the Public Safety Training Package.

Application of the Unit

This competency normally applies to the individual who may be required to provide the initial response to fire that may occur in an open field, building or storage area; and may be located on land, on board a ship at sea or in harbour, in the air; and may occur in the day or night and under any weather conditions.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not applicable.

Pre-Requisites

Not applicable.

Employability Skills Information

This unit contains employability skills.

Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a Unit of Competency.

Performance Criteria describe the required performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where ***bold italicised*** text is used, further information is detailed in the Range Statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the Evidence Guide.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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| 1. Prepare for fire | 1.1 Procedures related to a fire emergency are accessed, interpreted and rehearsed
1.2 Location of <i>firefighting equipment</i> is identified and the equipment is checked in accordance with <i>organisational</i> procedures and referred for maintenance/replacement as required |
| 2. Carry out initial notification and assessment | 2.1 Nature and scope of the fire is identified, confirmed and reported to appropriate personnel
2.2 Fire situation is assessed and appropriate course of action is determined in keeping with requirements for personal safety
2.3 Notification of fire threat is undertaken in accordance with authorised procedures
2.4 Emergency evacuation procedures are followed, where appropriate, and in accordance with organisational procedures |
| 3. Extinguish fires | 3.1 Fires are extinguished using the appropriate equipment, materials and procedures
3.2 Extinguisher is applied to ensure fast knockdown of fire
3.3 Extinguisher is used at the appropriate range and time
3.4 Extinguisher is used to minimise damage to equipment and facilities and to minimise risk of injury to personnel |

Required Skills and Knowledge

This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.

Required Skills

- access, read and interpret local emergency procedures
- apply evacuation procedures
- assess fire situation and notify authorities
- carry out periodic checks on firefighting equipment
- identify emergency alarms and match with response requirement
- identify, select and use firefighting equipment
- participate in a team
- use a variety of verbal and non-verbal communication techniques

Required Knowledge

- composition of teams, and roles and responsibility of team members
- fire alarm systems
- local area emergency procedures
- principles of teamwork, team aims and objectives
- site emergency plan
- techniques for supporting others/team members
- types, operations and application of firefighting equipment including extinguishers, hoses and, where appropriate, monitors
- verbal and non-verbal communication techniques including language, language style, active listening

Evidence Guide

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the Performance Criteria, Required Skills and Knowledge, the Range Statement and the Assessment Guidelines for this Training Package.

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

Assessment must confirm the ability to:

- adhere to relevant work health and safety (WHS) requirements and operational safety in a manner which maximises individual safety and the safety of others
- identify and locate firefighting equipment in a local area
- conduct periodic checks of firefighting equipment
- assess the fire situation
- notify fire situation to relevant authorities
- apply evacuation procedures
- identify, select and use firefighting equipment

Consistency in performance

Competency should be demonstrated in a range of actual or simulated explosive ordnance contexts.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Context of assessment

Competency should be assessed in the workplace or under conditions that accurately simulate a realistic workplace in accordance with all relevant legislation and organisational requirements.

The assessment environment should include open field/at sea conditions, during the day or night and under a representative set of weather conditions.

Specific resources for assessment

Access is required to:

- facilities and resources used in responding to fire in a facility where packaging, storage, distribution and maintenance of explosive ordnance is undertaken, including a licensed explosive site.

Method of assessment

In a public safety environment assessment is usually conducted via direct observation in a training environment or in the workplace via subject matter supervision and/or mentoring, which is typically recorded in a competency workbook.

Assessment is completed using appropriately qualified assessors who select the most appropriate method of

assessment.

Assessment may occur in an operational environment or in an industry-approved simulated work environment.

Forms of assessment that are typically used include:

- direct observation
- interviewing the candidate
- journals and workplace documentation
- third party reports from supervisors
- written or oral questions.

Range Statement

The Range Statement relates to the Unit of Competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. <i>Bold italicised</i> wording in the Performance Criteria is detailed below.	
Firefighting equipment may include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extinguishers • Fire blankets • Fire hose reels • Fire hydrants • Firefighting vehicles • Personal protection equipment (PPE) • Monitors
Organisation may include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defence organisation • Enterprises that work with explosive ordnance • Other government departments or instrumentalities that work with explosive ordnance

Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.