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POLSAR015 Manage search and rescue media requirements

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Modification History

Release 1. This is the first release of this unit of competency in the POL Police Training Package
Release 5.0

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to assess media requirements in line with the nature of the search and rescue (SAR) incident and SAR operation, and to facilitate media presence.

This unit applies to police officers involved in police SAR operations.

The skills and knowledge described in this unit must be applied within the legislative, regulatory and policy environment in which they are carried out. Organisational policies and procedures must be consulted and adhered to, particularly those related to information security and media engagement.

Those undertaking this unit may work autonomously and supervise teams while remaining responsible for reporting to senior staff. They would demonstrate adaptability across a broad range of contexts while performing complex tasks.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Not applicable.

Competency Field

Search and rescue

Unit Sector

Not applicable.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

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| 1 Assess SAR incident media requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none">1.1 Define restricted and/or special access areas for media personnel to safeguard the operation1.2 Coordinate media involvement through the appointment of a media liaison1.3 Balance operational responsibilities with the provision of information to media1.4 Liaise with stakeholders to negotiate consistent key messaging and to communicate media strategy1.5 Identify opportunities for media to support SAR operations |
| 2 Facilitate and manage media presence at SAR incident | <ul style="list-style-type: none">2.1 Identify logistical arrangements to support the safety of media when attending a SAR incident2.2 Manage information flow to media representatives in support of SAR operation2.3 Identify and allocate resources required to set up media briefing area2.4 Identify and allocate spokesperson to provide current and accurate information to public2.5 Determine information for release to media to suit operational demands and/or level of incident2.6 Identify opportunities for media briefing sessions and tours in accordance with operational responsibilities and media requirements2.7 Record media enquiries and interviews for accountability purposes |

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Range is restricted to essential operating conditions and any other variables essential to the work environment.

Non-essential conditions may be found in the POL Police Training Package Companion Volume Implementation Guide.

Unit Mapping Information

This unit replaces and is equivalent to POL SAR003 Manage search and rescue media requirements.

Links

Companion Volume Implementation Guides can be found on VETNet - -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=98c3984e-2cf1-48a8-8ed1-85e4b92e7351>

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Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria on at least one occasion and include:

- determining media areas in accordance with search and rescue (SAR) operation requirements
- assessing media requirements
- facilitating and managing media access and safety
- communicating with stakeholders
- contributing to media strategies in accordance with operational demands and/or level of incident
- scheduling media briefing sessions and tours
- maintaining records.

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria and include knowledge of:

- jurisdictional policies, procedures and arrangements for media liaison
- newsworthiness of information
- organisational procedures for information security, confidentiality and privacy requirements
- restrictions relating to the release of information
- relevant organisational policies and procedures
- requirements of different media platforms
- suitability of information to target audiences
- role of media in disseminating information
- risk and safety management principles
- jurisdictional information management systems.

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must hold credentials specified within the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

Assessment must satisfy the Principles of Assessment and Rules of Evidence and all regulatory

requirements included within the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

Assessment processes and techniques must be appropriate to the language, literacy and numeracy requirements of the work being performed and the needs of the candidate.

Assessment must occur in workplace operational situations. Where this is not appropriate, such as in situations that can affect safety or occur only rarely, assessment can occur in simulated workplace operational situations that reflect workplace conditions.

Resources for assessment must include access to:

- a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or other simulations
- relevant and appropriate materials, tools, equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE) currently used in industry
- applicable documentation, including workplace procedures, regulations, codes of practice and operation manuals.

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