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PUAFER009 Participate as a member of a facility emergency response team

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Modification History

Release 1. This is the first release of this unit of competency in the PUA Public Safety Training Package.

Application

This unit of competency involves the skills and knowledge required to participate as a member of a facility emergency response team. An emergency response team works in conjunction with the emergency control organisation in the management of an emergency in a facility in the early stages prior to the arrival of emergency services and/or specialist response teams. It does not cover the competency required for crisis management, recovery or restoration.

The unit has been developed to cover the facilities as specified in Australian Standard (AS) 3745 and AS4083. For this unit, as covered by AS3745 and/or AS4083, occupants are people attending a facility on a permanent or temporary basis such as an employee, contractor, student or resident, but not a visitor or patient and a facility is a building, structure or workplace that is, or may be, occupied by people (occupants).

All aspects of the unit must be undertaken in line with legislative requirements, organisational policies and procedures, and accepted safe practices. It is applicable to personnel who are responsible, as part of a response team, for participating in the preparation of facility emergency response procedures and responding to emergencies.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Not applicable

Competency Field

Facility Emergency Response

Unit Sector

Public Safety

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

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

1 Prepare for emergencies in a facility

- 1.1** Emergency equipment, assigned for use by the response team, is stored and maintained in a safe, accessible and serviced state
- 1.2** Facility emergency response procedures to be used by personnel are identified and accessed
- 1.3** Risk assessment of response team's activities is undertaken, in accordance with facility emergency response procedures
- 1.4** Response team's training activities are performed, in accordance with facility emergency response procedures and legislation

2 Respond to emergencies in a facility

- 2.1** Emergency is responded to, in accordance with facility emergency response procedures
- 2.2** Emergency is assessed for hazards and precautions are implemented
- 2.3** Identified hazards are reported to occupants in danger and to response team leader, in accordance with facility emergency response procedures
- 2.4** An appropriate response level is determined, in accordance with the status of the facility emergency
- 2.5** Instructions from response team leader are confirmed and implemented safely and promptly, in accordance with facility emergency response procedures
- 2.6** Equipment is selected and safely operated, in accordance with facility emergency response procedures
- 2.7** Emergency is contained to prevent an escalation and to enable emergency services and specialist response team activity to be completed safely

3 Communicate with and complement other personnel

- 3.1** Communication with response team members and leader is maintained throughout facility emergency

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| | 3.2 | Emergency response procedures and activities are consistent with the response team leader's plan of action and supports the work and actions of other response team members |
| | 3.3 | Any injuries, accidents or near misses involving team members are reported to the response team leader |
| 4 Assist with recovery from an emergency in a facility | 4.1 | Evidence relating to the cause, origin and progress of the facility emergency is preserved and recorded |
| | 4.2 | Assistance is provided to occupants, in accordance with facility emergency response procedures |
| | 4.3 | Emergency equipment is returned to a state of readiness, in accordance with facility emergency response procedures |
| | 4.4 | Debriefings are attended and contributed to, in accordance with facility emergency response procedures |

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 Companion Volume Implementation Guide.

Unit Mapping Information

This unit replaces and is equivalent to PUAWER009B Participate as a member of a workplace emergency initial response team.

Links

PUA Training Package Companion Volume Implementation Guide is found in VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=3eca5672-6d5a-410b-8942-810d0ba05bbf>

Assessment Requirements for PUAFER009 Participate as a member of a facility emergency response team

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Performance Evidence

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

- accessing and using personal protective clothing and equipment safely under emergency conditions
- applying Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements
- assisting with the recovery from an emergency in a facility
- communicating with and working in collaboration with other response teams
- complying with legislation, industry standards, codes of practice and regulations
- identifying hazards and implementing appropriate precautions
- interpreting and responding to alarm systems
- preparing for emergencies in a facility
- responding to emergencies in a facility
- restowing response equipment
- using emergency equipment safely
- working as a team member under the direction of a facility emergency response team leader and with other initial response teams

Knowledge Evidence

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

- alarm systems and associated equipment
- dynamic risk assessments
- equipment operating characteristics, limitations and general care
- general emergency priorities and strategies
- hazard identification and analysis of precautions required during control activities
- hierarchy of control
- organisational/facility documentation, policies and procedures including procedures for responding to alarms and for survival, rescue and recovery
- other response teams including damage control, emergency control organisation, fire team,

- first aid, maintenance and security
- personal protective clothing and equipment
- tactics for safely handling specific emergencies
- Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements

Assessment Conditions

As a minimum, assessors must satisfy applicable regulatory requirements, which include requirements in the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

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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, assessment must occur in industry approved simulated workplace operational situations that reflect workplace conditions.

Resources for assessment must include access to

- a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or simulations
- relevant and appropriate materials, equipment, tools and personal protective clothing and equipment currently used in industry
- applicable documentation including organisational policies, facility emergency plan and emergency response procedures, industry standards, equipment specifications, regulations, codes of practice and operation manuals.

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