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Assessment Requirements for PUASAR004 Implement and monitor USAR operation plans

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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.

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

- analysing risk assessment, reconnaissance and intelligence to determine operational priorities
- applying Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements
- conducting and participating in briefings using Situation, Mission, Execution, Administration/logistics, Command/control and Safety (SMEACS) format
- delegating roles and responsibilities within the team
- delivering briefings on operations portion of the incident action plan
- demobilising or evacuating Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams
- establishing and managing base of operations
- implementing and monitoring plans to support USAR operations
- interpreting results of structural triage from area of operations
- leading and managing USAR teams and personnel including those deployed
- making presentations including specifically to the media
- managing implementation and monitoring of USAR operations portion of the IAP
- managing liaison arrangements including with key stakeholders
- managing logistics
- reassigning rescuers to other worksites
- reporting on operations progress
- utilising information management systems
- working with competing priorities including work load and time

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

- communication plan including internal and external communication networks
- fire protection and evacuation plan including assembly areas, emergency signals and fire protection
- information management systems and storage processes used in USAR operations including

- equipment and sufficient redundancy
- legislation, industry standards and codes of practice
- location of base of operations and its functions and requirements
- media plan
- organisational documentation, policies and procedures including facility emergency response plans
- processes for briefings and debriefings including use of SMEACS
- purpose and content of incident action plans
- purpose of plans prepared to support and direct USAR teams
- reception and departure centre resources and requirements
- resources for base of operations including documentation, equipment and self-sustainability cache
- risk management principles and processes
- roles and responsibilities of USAR team personnel
- structural triage principles including composition of triage teams, detailed triage assessment of allocated structures, initial triage at incident site, hazard identification and priorities of a triage team
- structural triage processes including establishment of operational priorities, preparation of triage documentation and re-evaluation of structures as situation changes
- team demobilisation plan
- team evacuation plan including key considerations if emergency evacuation is required, medical evacuation of a team member, role of team leader and security
- team logistics including transportation and self-sustainability cache management
- welfare plan
- Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) legislated 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 must occur in workplace operational situations where it is appropriate to do so; where this is not appropriate, assessment must occur in organisationally approved simulated operational situations that replicate workplace conditions.

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.

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 used in industry including

- information sources including emergency management arrangements and international guidelines
- sample USAR task force plans
- applicable documentation including organisational procedures, industry standards, equipment specifications, regulations, codes of practices and operations manuals.

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>