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SFICPL404 Operate an observation post

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to operate an observation post as part of a surveillance team.

The unit applies to individuals who work in surveillance teams to operate the post in a manner consistent with maintaining the covert nature of the surveillance activity, record observations and close down the post at the end of the operation.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety, biosecurity and environmental regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

Regulatory requirements apply to this unit. Users are required to check with the relevant jurisdiction for current requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Compliance (CPL)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Participate in selection of the observation post position	1.1 Assess suitability of potential observation posts against the aims and objectives of the operation and security issues 1.2 Contribute to selection of appropriate observation post 1.3 Liaise with other areas within the organisation and outside

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	agencies as appropriate 1.4 Cover subject movements through appropriate observation positioning, and according to relevant jurisdictional policies, legislative and procedural requirements
2. Participate in establishment of the observation post	2.1 Contribution to installation and operation of communication equipment 2.2 Establish appropriate recording facilities 2.3 Establish observation post covertly and securely, and according to health and safety requirements
3. Participate in maintenance of observation post	3.1 Operate observation post according to security procedures 3.2 Ensure demeanour and dress are consistent with the environment 3.3 Ensure surveillance positions are not compromised during arrival and departure from observation post 3.4 Conceal or disguise equipment when being used in surveillance operations 3.5 Maintain security of equipment and evidence and covert nature of the operation when observation post is not in use 3.6 Recognise and apply counter-surveillance measures as appropriate 3.7 Recognise and apply anti-surveillance techniques according to legislative and procedural requirements
4. Record observations	4.1 Identify the subject correctly 4.2 Make accurate observations and keep appropriate records according to evidentiary requirements 4.3 Use relevant recording procedures according to relevant jurisdictional policies and legislative requirements 4.4 Identify subject exit and entry points 4.5 Complete running sheets according to the prescribed format 4.6 Disseminate surveillance product in a timely and acceptable manner where required
5. Close down the observation post	5.1 Clear the observation post site of agency surveillance presence 5.2 Account for and return equipment according to procedural requirements 5.3 Undertake debriefing with others in organisation and outside

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Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Numeracy	Determines location information
Reading	Interprets maps, photos and video
Interact with others	- Selects and uses appropriate vocabulary, conventions and protocols, including technical language, to communicate with team members - Collaborates with other colleagues and team in the maintenance of the observation post
Get the work done	- Makes non-critical and some critical decisions regarding surveillance and communications - Operates and maintains digital surveillance and communication technology

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
SFICPL404 Operate an observation post	SFICOMP404C Operate an observation post	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages	Equivalent unit

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=e31d8c6b-1608-4d77-9f71-9ee749456273>

Assessment Requirements for SFICPL404 Operate an observation post

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has operated an observation post as part of a team for at least one surveillance operation, including:

- contributing to the assessment, selection and establishment of the observation post
- securely maintaining the observation post while observing subjects
- setting up and maintaining the cover and security of communication and recording equipment
- applying the appropriate counter-surveillance measures and anti-surveillance techniques
- recording observations and evidence using all of the following:
 - surveillance communication equipment
 - video and photographic equipment
 - running sheets
- undertaking procedures to close down the observation post
- reporting on observations internally and/or externally.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- jurisdictional policies, procedures and laws relating to surveillance and evidentiary requirements
- local knowledge relevant to surveillance operations
- operational procedures for surveillance equipment
- security requirements for observation posts and equipment
- surveillance and counter-surveillance methods used in operating observation posts.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in a surveillance operation setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - surveillance communication equipment
 - video and photographic equipment
 - running sheets
- specifications:
 - surveillance plan
 - access to jurisdictional policies and legislation relating to surveillance, evidentiary, security and health and safety requirements
- relationships:
 - evidence of interactions with work and team leader.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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