



Officer Tactical Command Refresher Programme

AGREED STATEMENT

Career Officer Tactical Command Refresher Programme 2014 -17

Command and Control has never been more important and there are high expectations from the Chief Executive and National Commander that we build on our current Incident Command capability.

In order to achieve the Vision that the New Zealand Fire Service is recognised for excellence in incident management, an Officer Tactical Command refresher programme has been developed. The tactical level command course will provide participants with an opportunity to refresh their knowledge and understanding in incident command, working within the guidelines of the Incident Command and Control Technical Manual.

The course will allow Officers to focus on tactical operational command, providing them the opportunity to learn, practice, examine and challenge their own leadership and control of operations.

Career Officers will be contacted to attend and complete the week-long course being held at the National Training Centre in Rotorua. There is a degree of flexibility around dates and we will work with individuals to ensure Officers can attend and maximise this opportunity.

The programme is designed around the following components:

- Embedding principles relating to incident ground safety of firefighters and the public through simulation training.
- Identifying and discussing learning opportunities from case studies, operational readiness audits, the Christchurch Corrective Action Plan (CCAP) and Pilling report.
- Allowing for Officers to identify their own individual command strengths and weaknesses; developing plans to address these. There is no assessment of performance on this course. Consequently there is no pass/fail component.
- Introducing and discussing opportunities for command improvement procedures.

The New Zealand Fire Service and the New Zealand Professional Firefighters Union are committed to the safety of their employees and members respectively, actively support this programme, and expect all officers to attend.

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