

CUMBERLAND ZONE TRAINING CALENDAR 2008

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General Course Information

Brigades will be invited to nominate candidates for any of the courses within the 2008 Calendar for which they hold the required prerequisite conditions and competencies. Note trainees are unable to attend more than one mainstream course in the one calendar year unless approved by the Zone Learning & Development Officer.

All nominations for courses must be on the 'Training Nomination Form' attached with the invite. The Brigade Captain will need to sight proof of any required prerequisites and the Brigade Captain must rank the candidates and sign the form to verify nominations.

All **TRAINING NOMINATION FORMS** are to be forwarded to the Zone Learning & Development Officer **NO LATER than 1700 on the closing Date as indicated**, usually four (4) weeks prior to the commencement of the nominated course. Failure to submit the form within the time frame may result in an application being unsuccessful.

The number of courses proposed to be conducted is based on the information provided by each Brigade by way of a Training Analysis and the Zones need. This analysis reviews the current level of training and what the Brigade and the Zone envisages for the following years training calendar.

Selection Criteria

The selection of participants in Zone run courses is based on the principles of fairness and equity.

Selection of participants will be based on the following zone requirements;

- Zone needs
- Brigade needs
- Meeting nominated course prerequisites

If more than one participant is nominated from a given brigade, the Captain must provide an order of priority on the '**Training Nomination Form**'.

Notification

All nominees will receive advice as to their successful or unsuccessful nomination through their brigade training officer or captain. In the event of an unsuccessful nomination, the Brigade Captain / Training Officer will be advised the reason(s) behind the unsuccessful application. Where a course is full, a waiting list may be created and nominees unsuccessful in gaining a place initially can be placed on the list and advised accordingly.

Please note that course numbers are strictly limited especially for high demand courses. If you are not successful in gaining a place on a course or you have submitted a late nomination or have failed to put in a nomination at all, please **DO NOT** just turn up for a course. All course coordinators and instructors have been advised not to allow anyone onto a course without prior nomination and acceptance.

Attendance at Courses

If you are successful in obtaining a position on any course it is your responsibility to advise the Zone Office not less than 24 hours (unless exceptional circumstances exist) prior to the commencement of the course if you are unable to attend so that place may be reallocated to another person on the waiting list. Failure to advise the Zone may jeopardise future application to attend courses.

Brigades **ARE NOT** to substitute candidates in any course.

On arrival at a training or assessment session all trainees are to ensure that they sign and date the Course Attendance Sheet.

Dress Requirements

Unless mentioned otherwise, trainees are to wear basic Personal Protective Clothing (yellows, boots, helmet, goggles & gloves) to any Zone training session. The exceptions are those Basic Firefighter (Probationary) candidates who must wear the minimum recommended clothing as outlined in the Deputy Commissioner's circular.

In the case of Village Firefighter a Black Wool Cold Climate Jacket or Structural Firefighting Jacket may be worn.

Meals

Where a Zone course or assessment is conducted over a full day or weekend, or unless otherwise advised, a lunch will be provided. If a trainee has any dietary needs, they are to contact the Zone Office prior to the date of the course.

Delivery of Training

The delivery of training courses will be determined by the characteristics of the course and the availability of instructors. The Zone aims to provide training that is accessible to most persons and may vary from a week night to a weekend.

The training provided to members requires a certain amount post course exercises to enable demonstration of competency in particular skills and knowledge which needs to be reinforced by in-brigade training.

Assessments

During the introduction of each course, Trainees will be advised of the Assessment procedures.

Post Course work and/or Progressive Learning Record books are to be **Completed** and submitted for checking before nominating for assessment.

Only those trainees eligible are entitled to attend assessment sessions. **DO NOT** just turn up for an assessment; if a trainee is unsure as to whether they are eligible they are to contact the Zone Learning and Development Officer. Check calendar details for indication of assessment dates and times.

Venues

The usual venues are the Zone Training Centre at Florence St Oakhurst or The Test Safe facility on Londonderry Rd Londonderry. Check the calendar details for indication of venue locations and times. Where these are not indicated trainees will be informed prior to the course date.

Physical Fitness and Health

You must always consider your general health and fitness and that it is at a level that will enable you to complete your training in a safe and healthy manner. You should inform course coordinators of any prescribed medications, dietary needs or general disabilities prior to commencing any training.

Training Information

For more detailed information on Training Courses, learning outcomes and information on how NSW RFS qualification relate to the National Public Safety Units of Competency, refer to the Training Services Information Booklet. This booklet details each Mainstream course and specialist course and identifies the national Module equivalents. A copy of this booklet is available from your brigade, or electronically from the RFS Website <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au> as well as through the Zone Office.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

The Cumberland Zone provides RPL in all mainstream subjects. Persons who believe they already possess the competencies in a given subject should obtain a copy of the "How to become qualified in ..." booklet from the Zone Office. Contact the Zone office for details on completing an RPL application, or undertaking an 'Assessment on Demand'.

Further reading on training may be sort from Service's Training SOPs and the Training Information Booklet

Zone Training Coordinator

For any information on any of the courses or zone training, contact the Zone Learning & Development Officer at:

Cumberland Zone
NSW Rural Fire Service
99 Cox Avenue,
KINGSWOOD NSW 2747

Phone: (02) 4734 7777
Fax: (02) 4722 8796

Email: cumberland.zone@rfs.nsw.gov.au

Bush Firefighter (BF)

- for firefighters handling bush and grass fires under supervision

"Bush Firefighter (BF)" is the level of competency needed to fight bush and grass fires under direct supervision from an officer. It covers basic safety, an appreciation of fire behaviour, use and care of equipment, procedures and communications, working in a team and working as part of the Service.

Bush Firefighter is usually held on weeknights or weekends. Further practice, typically 20 hours, is usually needed with your own brigade until the required standard is reached.

Assessment includes demonstrating practical bush fire fighting skills and answering related questions. The opinion of trainers / officers of your brigade about your competency will be considered.

Maximum Number: 30

Prerequisites: NIL

Program Coordinator	Assistant Program Coordinator
Richard Douglas	

Course Dates:

Code	Date	Time	Venue	Activity
T.BF-0108	Tues 12 Feb 2008	1900-2230	Training Centre	Theory
	Tues 19 Feb 2008	1900-2230	Training Centre	Theory
	Tues 26 Feb 2008	1900-2230	Training Centre	Theory
	Tues 4 March 2008	1900-2230	Training Centre	Theory
	Tues 11 March 2008	1900-2230	Training Centre	Theory
	Tues 18 March 2008	1900-2230	Training Centre	Theory
	Tues 25 March 2008	1900-2230	Training Centre	Theory
	Tues 1 April 2008	1900-2230	Training Centre	Theory
	Tues 8 April 2008	1900-2230	Training Centre	Theory
	Tues 15 April 2008	1900-2230	Training Centre	Theory

For the above dates the dress code is casual

Bush Firefighter (BF) Continued

Assessment will begin approximately 1 month later.

Assessment dates:

Type	Date	Time	Venue	Catering Provided	Dress
Theory A.BF 0108	Tues 13 May 2008	1900	Training Centre	Tea making facilities	Casual
Assessment A.BF 0108	Sun 13 July 2008	TBA	Test Safe	Yes	As advised

Short Course Format:

Type	Date	Time	Venue	Catering Provided	Dress
Theory T.BF 0208	Fri 1 Aug 2008	1900- 2100	Training Centre	Yes	Casual
Theory T.BF 0208	Sat 2 Aug 2008	0800- 1700	Training Centre	Yes	Casual
Theory 0208	Sat 9 Aug 2008	0800- 1700	Training Centre	Yes	As advised

Assessment:

Type	Date	Time	Venue	Catering Provided	Dress
Theory A.BF 0208	Wed 3 Sep 2008	1900	Training Centre	Tea making facilities	Casual
Practical A.BF 0208	Sun 12 Oct 2008	TBA	TBA	Yes	As advised

Village Firefighter (VF)

- for firefighters handling village fires

"Village Firefighter (VF)" is the level of competency needed to fight small structural, vehicle and similar fires. It covers fire behaviour, safety, the use of equipment, team work, procedures and fire protection systems.

Assessment includes demonstrating practical village fire fighting skills and answering related questions. The opinion of trainers / officers of your brigade about your competency will be considered.

Maximum Number: 24

NB attendance at all days of the course is required; ensure your availability before nominating for this course.

Prerequisites: Be an Active brigade member holding Basic Firefighter qualification for minimum of 6 months.

Program Coordinator	Assistant Program Coordinator
Daniel Curle	Deb Smith

Course Dates:

Code	Date	Time	Location	Activity
T. VF 0108	Sat 9 Feb 2008	0800-1630	Training Centre	Training
	Sun 10 Feb 2008	0800-1630	Training Centre	
	Sat 23 Feb 2008	0800-1630	Training Centre	
	Sun 24 Feb 2008	0800-1630	Training Centre	
	Sat 8 March 2008	0800-1630	Training Centre	Training
	Sun 9 March 2008	0800-1630	Training Centre	Training
	Sat 5 April 2008	0800-1630	TBA	Practical Training
	Sun 6 April 2008	0800-1630	TBA	Practical Training

Village Firefighter (VF) Continued

Code	Date	Time	Location	Activity
T. VF 0208	Sat 12 July 2008	0800-1630	Training Centre	Training
	Sun 13 July 2008	0800-1630	Training Centre	
	Sat 26 July 2008	0800-1630	Training Centre	
	Sun 27 July 2008	0800-1630	Training Centre	
	Sat 9 Aug 2008	0800-1630	Training Centre	Training
	Sun 10 Aug 2008	0800-1630	Training Centre	Training
	Sat 23 Aug 2008	0800-1630	TBA	Practical Training
	Sun 24 Aug 2008	0800-1630	TBA	Practical Training

Assessment Dates:

Code	Date	Time	Location	Activity
A.VF 0108	Sat 19 April 2008	0800-1630	TBA	Assessment
A.VF 0208	Sat 6 Sept 2008	0800-1630	TBA	Assessment

Advanced Firefighter (AF) Continued

Advanced Firefighter (AF)

- for experienced firefighters

"Advanced Firefighter (AF)" is the level of competency needed to fight bush and grass fires without constant and direct supervision. AF training covers the maintenance of equipment, map reading, hydraulics and pumping, safety, fire weather, fire behaviour and fire prevention. Although some of these subjects are introduced during BF and VF training, AF covers the subject matter in much greater depth.

Assessment includes demonstrating practical bush fire fighting skills and answering related questions. The opinion of trainers / officers of your brigade about your competency will be considered and a feedback sheet for both AFT & AFP is required to be submitted before being granted certification.

Maximum Number: 25

Prerequisites: Bush Firefighter qualification with 2 years active experience within a Brigade.

Program Coordinator	Assistant Program Coordinator
Rick Burns	TBA

Course Dates:

Code	Date	Time	Location	Activity
T.AFP 0108	Tue 15 July	1900-2130	Training Centre	Training
	Thurs 17 July	1900-2130		
	Tue 22 July	1900-2130		
	Thurs 24 July	1900-2130		
T. AFT 0108	Tue 12 Aug 2008	1900- 2130	Training Centre	Training
	Thurs 14 Aug 2008	1900-21.30	Training Centre	
	Sat 16 Aug 2008	0900-1730	Training Centre	

Assessment Dates:

A. AF 0108	Thurs 28 Aug 2008	1900-2130	Training Centre	Theory Assessment

A. AF 0208	Sun 14 Sep 2008	0800-1700	TBA	AF Practical Assessment

Crew Leader (CL)

- for Captains and Deputy Captains

"Crew Leader (CL)" is the level of competency needed to lead a crew at a fire/incident. It covers the development of strategies and tactics for small incidents, effective tasking of firefighters, the incident control system (ICS), fireground management principles, safety and the legalities of your role as a crew leader. CL is divided into three components; CLW (Wildfire), CLV (Village) and CLS (Supervision)

Assessment includes demonstrating leadership skills, applying fire fighting tactics and answering related questions. The opinion of trainers / officers of your brigade about your competency will be considered.

Maximum Number: 25

Program Coordinator	Assistant Program Coordinator
Greg Speed	Richard Douglas

CLW Prerequisites: Advanced Firefighter qualifications with a minimum of one years experience after being qualified at AF level within a Brigade.

Code	Date	Time	Location	Activity
T.CLW-0108	Fri 16 May 2008	1900-2230	Training Centre	Training
	Sat 17 May 2008	0800-1700	Training Centre	
	Sun 18 May 2008	0800-1700	Training Centre	

Crew Leader (CL) cont.

CLV Prerequisites: Advanced Firefighter & Village Firefighter qualifications with a minimum of one years experience / qualified at AF level within a Brigade.

Code	Date	Time	Location	Activity
T.CLV-0108		1900-2230	Training Centre	Training
		0800-1700	Training Centre	
		0800-1700	Training Centre	

CLS Prerequisites: Certified for CLW /CLV qualification.

Code	Date	Time	Location	Activity
T. CLS-0108		1900-2230	Training Centre	Training
		0800-1700	Training Centre	
		0800-1700	Training Centre	

Assessment Dates:

Code	Date	Time	Location	Activity
A.CLW-0108	TBC	0800-1700	TBA	Assessment
A. CLV-0108	TBC	0800-1700	TBA	Assessment
A. CLS-0108	TBC	0800-1700	TBA	Assessment

RFS Instructor RFI (2005)

- for the Training of others

RFI (2005) is the level of competency needed for you to be able to train others.

Assessment involves demonstrating proper training and contribute to assessment techniques

Maximum Number: 20

Prerequisites: Advanced Firefighter qualification or Communications Centre Operator.

Program Coordinator	Assistant Program Coordinator
Tony Gray	Richard Douglas

Course Dates:

Code	Date	Time	Location	Activity
RFI (2005) 0108	TBA	1930-2130	Training Centre	Training
		0800-1700	Training Centre	
		0800-1700	Training Centre	

NB This course will only be run if our Zone gets approval to do so under TAA package.

Rural Fire Driving (RFD)

- for driving vehicles under operational conditions

"Rural Fire Driving (RFD)" is the level of competency needed for you to drive a firefighting vehicle under operational conditions.

Assessment involves demonstrating driving skills under a variety of conditions. The opinion of trainers / other RFD certified fire fighters regarding your competency will also be considered.

Maximum Number: 25

Prerequisites: Advanced Firefighter qualification & MR license held with at least 12 months experience driving brigade vehicles.

Program Coordinator	Assistant Program Coordinator
Perce Denton	

Course Dates:

Code	Date	Time	Location	Activity
T.RFD 0108	Sat 8 March 2008	0800-1800	Oakhurst	Theory
	Sat 15 March 2008	0800-1800	TBA	On Road
	Sun 16 March 2008	0800-1800	TBA	4WD Off Road

Assessment Dates:

Code	Date	Time	Location	Activity
A RFD 0108	Sat 3 May 2008	0800-1800	Hickeys Ln	Assessment

Chain Saw Operation Training

- for using chain saws on the fire line

"Chain Saw Operation" is the level of competency needed to use chain saws during fire fighting operations. There are three levels; TFT- cross-cutting, TFI- intermediate (simple) tree falling and fire line (problem) tree falling.

Assessment involves questions and demonstrating chain saw skills under a variety of conditions. The opinion of trainers / other CSO certified fire fighters regarding your competency will also be considered.

Chain saw operations require re-certification every 3 years.

Maximum Number: 20

Prerequisites: Basic Firefighter.

Program Coordinator	Assistant Program Coordinator
Perce Denton	

Course Dates:

Code	Date	Time	Location	Activity
T.TFI 0108	Sat 21 June 2008	0800-1700	Blue Mtns	Training/Practical Assessment
	Sun 22 June 2008	0800-1700	Blue Mtns	
T.TFT 0108 Crosscut	Thu 22 May 2008	1900-2130	Oakhurst	Training
	Thu 29 May 2008	1900-2130	Oakhurst	
	Sat 31 May 2008	0800-1700	Delfin	Practical
A.TFT 0108	Sat 5 July 2008	0800-1700	Delfin	Assessment
A.TFI 0108	Sat 24 May 2008	0800-1700	TBA	Re-Assessment

All nominations for all courses are to be forwarded to the Cumberland Zone Learning & Development Officer.

Prescribed Burning Supervisor (PBS)

- This is the competency to be able to supervise prescribed burns.

Assessment involves demonstrating skills to prepare, conduct and evaluate prescribed burns. The opinion of trainers / other PBS certified fire fighters regarding your competency will also be considered.

Maximum Number: 20

Prerequisites: Crew Leader qualification & is a current Field Officer within a brigade.

Program Coordinator	Assistant Program Coordinator
Tony Gray	Nil

Course Dates:

Code	Date	Time	Location	Activity
T.PBS	TBC	0800-1700	Training Centre	Training
	TBC	0800-1700	Training Centre	

Senior First Aid (SFA) & Advanced Resuscitation (AOR)

Any standard NSW Work Cover Authority approved Senior First Aid Certificate.

Maximum Number: 20

N.B. BAO will be given priority

Prerequisites: BF for SFA and both BF & SFA for AOR

Program Coordinator	Assistant Program Coordinator

Course Dates:

Code	Date	Time	Location	Activity
T SFA 0108	TBC	0800-1700	Training Centre	Training
		0800-1700	Training Centre	
T SFA 0208	TBC	0800-1700	Training Centre	Training
		0800-1700	Training Centre	
T SFA 0308	TBC	0800-1700	Training Centre	Training
		0800-1700	Training Centre	
T AOR 0108	TBC	0800-1700	Training Centre	Training
T AOR 0208	TBC	0800-1700	Training Centre	Training

This course is dependent on availability of trainers

Equipment Officer (EQO)

This is a guideline session (aimed at Brigade Equipment Officers) in updating people's knowledge of Equipment Officer and how to implement coordinate and oversight equipment maintenance in your brigade.

Maximum Number: 25

Prerequisites: Holds AF Qualifications

Program Coordinator	Assistant Program Coordinator
Shane Bryant	

Course Dates:

Code	Date	Time	Location	Activity
T EQO 0108	Sat 2 February 2008	0830-1530	Training Centre	Training
T EQO 0208	TBC	0830-1530	Training centre	Training

Breathing Apparatus (BAO)

- for interior offensive structural firefighting

"Breathing Apparatus (BAO)" is the level of competency needed for you to undertake interior structural firefighting using compressed air breathing apparatus.

Assessment involves demonstrating interior offensive fire fighting activities while using breathing apparatus in a variety of situations.

All BAO require regular on going training every 3 months and re-certification every 12 months.

Operators must be prepared to undertake the ongoing training and undertake a Hot Fire Training Session annually. All operators are to ensure that their Senior First Aid qualification remains current and sit for a medical every 2/3 years depending upon age. Medicals will be arranged through the zone office on acceptance into the course

Maximum Number: 20

Prerequisites: Village Firefighter qualification, current Senior First Aid Certificate, passing a medical examination

Program Coordinator	Assistant Program Coordinator
Scott Grinyer	Richard Douglas

Course Dates:

Code	Date	Time	Location	Activity
BAO-0801T	Mon 4 Aug 2008	1900-2200	Training Centre	Training
	Tues 5 Aug 2008	1900-2200	Training Centre	
BAO-0801T	Sat 9 Aug 2008 Sun 10 Aug 2008	0830-1700	TBA	Training Practical
BAO-0801A	TBC if Req	0830-1700	TBA	Assessment

Recertification:

Prerequisites for recertification include current Medical and Senior First Aid certificate

				Activity
BAO-0802A	TBC	0830-1700	TBA	Recertification Recertification Recertification
BAO-0803A	TBC	0830-1700	TBA	
BAO-0804A	TBC	0830-1700	TBA	

Placement on course will be by zone, brigade needs & priority.

To be considered for this training your brigade must have returned the Brigade BAO survey.