

Search and Rescue PAC Meeting



Minutes of the meeting held 11:30am Thursday 27th March Ministry of Transport Building

Present:

Phil Burgess	NZSAR
Dave Ritchie	Tai Poutini Polytechnic
Kim Thomas	Tai Poutini Polytechnic
Joanne Holden	Police
Bruce Johnston	Police
Paul Craven	RCCNZ
Mark Whitehouse	Coastguard
Pete Corbett	Land SAR
Ian Newman	Land SAR
Julian Smith	Land SAR (volunteer representative)
Belinda Slement	SLSNZ
Trevor Croizer	
Martin McLean	EMQUAL

Apologies

Welcome:

Meeting opened at 11.30am
Welcome from HOD Dave Ritchie

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from previous meeting were confirmed

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Action: Dave to provide Pete Corbett with Canon and Swift Water standard and whether or not we can deliver it through SAR curriculum or Outdoor Rec Curriculum.

Done.

Action: Dave Ritchie to clarify with TPP Registry if people are eligible to attend MTIR if they have done the previous MLSO course.

Dave Ritchie confirmed that students who have done MLSO previously can do MTIR as there is considered to be significant changes and new material.

Action: Dave to inform Land SAR of replacements.

Karen Grant from Outdoor Recreation Department replaces Laura with 0.7 of her time allocated to EMSAR.

Action: Ashlee to look into students that are eligible for a short award and award them.

Ashlee at TPP is still working on this.

Report from Dave Ritchie

Dave presented a report around SAR ACE EFTs for 2013

- 153 of 155 possible funded EFTs were delivered to the SAR sector in 2013. Many of these EFTs were delivered in Spring.
- Actual EFTs reported to TEC were less due to timing with 135 EFTs reported.
- 40% cancellation rate for courses in 2013
- 90% of students returning the survey form gave a 4 or 5 in satisfaction surveys on course.

Report from Kim Thomas

Kim presented an update on 2014 training

- 2.2 EFTs CIMS SAR ACE delivered
- 15.6 Total EFTs delivered
- 10 courses have run

- 16% of those registered do not attend
- 8 courses cancelled due to low numbers registered
- Average numbers registered per course is 14.9 students and average number attending is 12.3 students
- Range of numbers registered for cancelled courses is between 0 – 10 students
- One one tutor course ran – Search Techniques at Hamner (11 registered and 8 attended)
- Dates arranged for moderation of course by Hamish Reid are 24-25 May Tracking Core Skills in Rotorua as this course already at minimum numbers and 21-22 June Processing Wilderness Clue Site in Wellington.

External review of courses in 2014

Pete Corbett would like to see moderation of a tracking course, a search techniques course and a management course. Pete suggested PWCS in Wellington not be one of the four courses moderated.

General discussion was held regarding how courses for moderation should be selected. Phil Burgess discussed that there had been issues raised with one CIMS 2 Day course in Auckland last year and requested that a CIMS 2 Day course be included for moderation.

Action: TPP to forward to SAR PAC draft moderation form focussed on “are we teaching the right stuff” and “are we teaching it the right way”.

Action: Follow up on where CIMS4 moderation report on 2013 course moderated by EMQUAL is.

Action: Trevor to send TPP statement for the front of moderation form.

Action: TPP to arrange moderation of a CIMS4 2 day course.

Action: Trevor to Send Pete Corbett examples or template of after course survey.

Proposed submissions for PAC Endorsement

Land SAR proposed that the three Operation tracking courses be considered for inclusion in SAR ACE funding.

Action: Land SAR and TPP to work on details of adding Operational Tracking courses to the curriculum.

TPP is developing a 2 day Investigative Interviewing course and the development of Outdoor Risk Management course is continuing.

Boat Master course funding limited to those applying for SAR Managers course.

Action: Phil Burgess to document eligibility for funding.

Marine Formal Search Planning – gap analysis between Marine MTIR and SAR Managers course will be required.

Action: Formal Search Planning Marine – Dave Ritchie request ball park figure from Rachael’s Team to develop this.

TAG required to review work to date and progress Formal Search Planning (Land)

Action: Pete Corbett Form TAG for Formal Search Planning – Land

Update from EMQUAL (Martin):

SAR sector has 2 qualification agencies currently – EMQUAL and TPP. There is a rationalisation of how qualifications fit together happening that started with NZQA

“approval to develop” given last December. Developing detail and standards is the next step. EMQUAL looking at one Level 3 qualification at this time. NZQA didn’t give approval for higher level qualification development.

Pressure to complete review by the general election. EMQUAL would be gazetted as the standards setter. TPP’s curriculum would disappear.

Training Lethargy (Pete Corbett)

- Lack of operational activity – motivation & morale
- Work life pressure
- Training saturation
- Disconnect between group executive and members
- Anxiety around competencies
- Lack of leadership from senior members
- Hangover from recent training politics
- Gate keepers and failure to delegate
- Lack of clarity on group and individual responsibilities – learned helplessness
- Little formal recognition of training – few short awards or certificates awarded
- No clearly defined or articulated training pathway or individual training plans

Paul C – We need to watch out for over-compliance eg. the guy who drives the boat should just have to show they can drive the boat. Need to be cautious to not make it too hard in the lower fields and assess at the higher levels.

Belinda S – Surf lifesaving find 14-23 year old range are keen to train but when they get older work-life balance starts to come in.

Action: Communicate with Governance Group that this is an issue – need to identify future needs and changing environment (eg personal locator beacon sales increasing)

Coastguard Update (Mark Whitehouse)

Priority nationally on new programmes and MOSS (Maritime Operational Safety?)

NCAET Level 4 planning on 20 places this year

Marine MTIR planned for new financial year.

Expect CIMS4 uptake to increase as it is a pre-requisite for MMTIR

General business:

Phil Burgess – Need to start earlier with training needs information for him.

Pete C – Land SAR are bringing Group Planning Tool earlier this year.

Paul C – Suggested standing agenda item of “Review Programme for Year”.

Agenda items 9 and 10 were deferred until the next PAC meeting.

A discussion was held regarding whether an airport venue may be advantageous to make up for the shorter time available with the change of flight times from Westport. Dave Ritchie and Kim Thomas have offered to stay over a night in Wellington instead next meeting.

Meeting closed 3pm.