

1 EXERCISE CONCEPT: **RAUORA (SERIES 2)**

The purpose of this Exercise Concept is to provide initial information on Exercise RAUORA (Series 2) and obtain official sign off.

This document replaces the Exercise Concept for Exercise Series RAUORA approved on 24 July 2015.

1.1 Overview

Exercise need	A mass rescue operation (MRO) is one that involves the need for immediate assistance to large numbers of persons in distress, such that capabilities normally available to search and rescue authorities are inadequate. Training and exercising is vital to ensure an effective and efficient coordinated response capability is available if required.
Exercise aim	To test arrangements for responding to mass rescue incidents with the New Zealand Search and Rescue Region.
Exercise objectives	<p>The exercise objectives are taken from NEP National Objectives (NO) 1, 5, 6, 9, modified to be relevant for mass rescue operations (appendix 1)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lead a coordinated interagency response to a mass rescue incident 5. Effectively manage information horizontally and vertically 6. Deliver effective public information management 9. Further develop collaborative relationships, to enhance interagency knowledge and understanding; creating capability and resilience
Exercise date	<p>Various dates 2016-2017</p> <p>Exercise dates will be confirmed for each Police District via PNHQ, and will avoid conflicts with the NSS planning calendar</p>
Exercise theme	Mass Rescue Operation (MRO) – involving the need to rescue a large number of people from a vessel or aircraft in distress
Exercise location	Each Police District (ten in total – the three Auckland Police Districts are combined for SAR purposes)
Exercise type	Tabletop: taking the form of a discussion exercise using a narrated scenario and injects
Exercise scope	<p><i>What is included:</i></p> <p>The search and rescue phase of an MRO event (i.e. search, rescue, shore-side coordination, reconciliation, welfare arrangements etc.)</p> <p>Determining inter-agency coordination responsibilities</p> <p>Initial SAR coordination activities</p> <p>The escalation and notification processes for MRO events</p> <p><i>What is excluded:</i></p> <p>Whole of government response arrangements (DES, ODESC etc)</p>

Non search and rescue phases of MRO events (pollution response, mass fatalities, investigation, recovery etc)

- Exercise deliverables**
1. Confirmation that all Readiness Plans for MRO incidents are adequate
 2. Confirmation that all Readiness Plans for MRO incidents are consistent with CIMS 2nd edition
 3. Confirmation that all Readiness Plans for MRO incidents are nationally consistent with each other

- Resourcing**
- NZSAR will fund:
- the exercise venue
 - morning & afternoon tea, and lunch
 - travel and accommodation costs for the independent exercise facilitator and evaluators
- Agencies are expected to meet all costs (travel and accommodation) for their own personnel attending the exercise.

1.2 Exercise Governance and Management

Exercise Governance Group	Duncan Ferner, NZSAR Mike Hill, MNZ Geoff Logan, PNHQ
Lead agency	NZSAR
Exercise Director	Duncan Ferner, NZSAR
Exercise Coordinator	Rhett Emery, NZSAR
Exercise Planning Team	Carl van der Meulen, NZSAR Rhett Emery, NZSAR Paul Craven, RCCNZ Dave Greenberg Jo Holden, PNHQ Police District Operations Manager or District SAR Coordinator (or other District appointee as appropriate)
Other key appointments	Exercise Facilitator: Dave Greenberg Exercise Evaluators: to be appointed for each exercise

1.3 Participation

Proposed participating agencies	Participating agencies will be confirmed for each exercise in the series, and will include: Ambulance (St John / WFA) Civil Defence & Emergency Management (local and group) District Health Boards Immigration New Zealand Maritime NZ (Maritime Incident Response Team) Ministry for Primary Industries Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management (Regional Advisor) New Zealand Customs New Zealand Fire Service NZSAR Police Communications Police National Headquarters Police District RCCNZ SAR Providing Agencies (Coastguard, LandSAR, Surf Life Saving) Welfare representative (local CDEM Groups to advise) Others as required
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1.4 Approval

Approved by the NZSAR Council at its meeting of 23 February 2016.



1.5 Appendix 1: Exercise Objectives

The exercise objectives and training objectives are taken from the National Exercise Programme's Objectives.

KPIs will be included in the Exercise Instructions.

Exercise Objectives	Training Objectives	Key Performance Indicators
1.0 Lead a coordinated interagency response to a mass rescue incident	1.1 Identify threat of a mass rescue incident	tbc
	1.2 Recognise what coordination centres would require to be activated to respond to a mass rescue incident	tbc
	1.3 Develop an effective action plan	tbc
	1.4 Coordinate the response to a mass rescue incident in accordance with the MRO Readiness Plan and CIMS	tbc
	1.6 Recognise what specialist functional groups would need to be activated to respond to a mass rescue incident	tbc
5.0 Effectively manage information horizontally and vertically	5.1 Incident information is effectively managed and communicated by all agencies involved	tbc
	5.2 Support requirements are effectively communicated	tbc
6.0 Deliver effective public information management	6.1 Public communications reinforce confidence in the response and provide appropriate levels of public assurance	tbc
9.0 Further develop collaborative relationships, to enhance interagency knowledge and understanding; creating capability and resilience	9.1 Agencies share information to engender an all hazards approach to incident management	tbc