

# NEW SOUTH WALES FIRE BRIGADES OPERATIONS BULLETIN 2004/6



## Obstructions to in-ground hydrants

Water supply authorities such as Sydney Water occasionally fit devices to in-ground hydrants that prevent firefighters from connecting standpipes or double deliveries. The three main types of devices that may be found are:

1. Hydrant stopper – is used as a temporary repair fitting that stops leaks from ball valve hydrants.



2. Pressure data logger – these monitor and record pressures within water distribution system.



3. Leak detection system – these automatically determine the presence of leaks and transmit this information to a remote receiver module.



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If firefighters find one of these devices fitted to a hydrant, they should not attempt to remove it, as this action may damage the hydrant and render it inoperable. At an incident, the next nearest hydrant should be used instead.

If any of the above devices are found during an incident, hydrant inspection or other NSWFB activity, the Station Commander should report this to the relevant water supply authority as soon as practicable.

Noted Station Commander	A	B	C	D	Other

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