

NEW SOUTH WALES FIRE BRIGADES OPERATIONS BULLETIN 2006/06



Allocation of hand held transceivers at Incidents

This Operations Bulletin should be read in conjunction with:

**Operations Bulletin 2006/02 Motorola XTS 3000 Portable Radio: Distress/
Emergency Button Use.**

Recommended Practice “*Motorola XTS 3000 Portable Radio Version C*”

To enhance **safety and communications** at incidents in the **GRN coverage area**, any firefighting crew involved in operations should be allocated hand held transceivers (HHT) as follows:

- One GRN enabled HHT (yellow aerial)
- One Non - GRN enabled HHT (black aerial)

This allocation is designed to ensure firefighter safety at incidents and training exercises. If a firefighting crew needs to send an urgent message such as “Firefighter down” and is unable to contact the Incident Controller on the fireground channel, the crew must select a GRN channel on the GRN enabled HHT. This will allow the crew to activate the orange distress/emergency button or speak directly with a ComCen Operator.

Were practicable the remaining allocation of HHT’s should be:

Station Commander GRN enabled HHT and pump driver a Non-GRN enabled HHT.

Note: A reminder to ALL operational staff, the orange distress/emergency button will not work on any simplex channel in the 500 or 1300 range. Firefighter’s must select a GRN channel (using a GRN enabled HHT) or a PMR channel depending upon the type of network coverage in the station area.

Noted, Station Commander	A	B	C	D	Other

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Previous Operations Bulletin: 2006/05 – Fires or overheat conditions involving oil seed products