

# Fire and Rescue NSW

## Operations Bulletin 2012/02

### Recovering bogged appliances



#### Issue

There have been a number of instances where FRNSW appliances have become bogged or lost traction and:

- The Communication Centre (ComCen) has not been aware that the appliance is unavailable.
- Untrained personnel and members of the public have attempted to recover the appliance, putting themselves at risk of injury and sometimes damaging the appliance.
- Other appliances or vehicles have become bogged while attempting to assist.

#### If you get bogged or lose traction

1. Stop the appliance and investigate the problem.
2. If the appliance is fitted with a first aid tank, lighten the appliance by emptying the tank:
  - Run out a line of hose away from the appliance (downhill if possible).
  - Empty the tank. Make sure the water does not run under the appliance.
3. Remove dirt from in front of the wheels.
4. Attempt to move the appliance. Don't make the situation worse.
5. If the appliance cannot be moved:
  - Notify your ComCen of the situation.
  - Request assistance of Fleet Officer Operations (GSA) or Fleet Area Manager (other areas) to arrange recovery of the appliance.
  - Do not commit further FRNSW resources to recovering the appliance. Do not ask other agencies or members of the public for help.

**Contact officer:** SO Glen Breen or SO Bill Ewing, Fleet Officer Operations, (02) 9742 7359, [fleet-officer.nswfb@fire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:fleet-officer.nswfb@fire.nsw.gov.au), or your Fleet Area Manager.

Noted: Station Commander	A	B	C	D	Other
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