

# Fire & Rescue NSW

## Safety Bulletin 2012/08

### Completion of Electrical Hazards Awareness training



#### Issue

All permanent firefighters must complete the electrical hazards awareness training by 27 December 2012.

All retained firefighters must complete the electrical hazards awareness training at their next drill period.

#### Background

Since June 2012 there have been 10 electrical shock injuries while firefighters were in attendance at incidents.

Commissioner's Order 2012/21, *Revised Electrical Hazards Awareness material*, required all operational staff to have completed the two electrical hazard e-learning modules by 31 January 2013.

The Commissioner has met with the Executive Leadership Team to discuss the two most recent incidents, which occurred since the electrical hazard awareness training had been released.

#### Action required

Station Commanders and supervisors must ensure that all staff, including themselves, have completed the Electrical Hazards Awareness training program by 27 December 2012. This training is comprised of:

- two e-learning modules, and
- the 5 relevant topics within the station training program.

Duty Commanders are to ensure this training is completed. A review of the report on staff completion of the e-learning modules will be conducted after 27 December 2012 by Zone Management to ensure all staff have complied with this instruction. Any person who has not yet completed the training will be notified by their Duty Commander of the need to complete the training as soon as possible.

#### E-Learning modules

The two e-learning modules that must be completed by all operational personnel are:

1. Electricity basics
2. Isolating power at incidents

These modules cover the content of the first two topics within the Station Training Program module *Electricity and Incidents Involving Electricity*.

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The modules are located in the Learning Solution Online. They are accessed by logging into [Employee Self Service](#) (ESS) from the intranet or Station Portal and clicking on Employee Services – Training and Qualifications.

Further instructions about accessing the e-learning modules can be found in these [instructions](#), or by contacting the IT Service Desk on (02) 9265 2833 (0700 hrs – 1900 hrs) or IT Trainers, Education and Training Directorate on (02) 9318 4831.

### Station Training Program topics

The following five topics within the Station Training Program module [Electricity and Incidents Involving Electricity](#) must also be completed:

- Topic 3: Wire down Incidents
- Topic 4: Working Near Power Lines
- Topic 5: Substations
- Topic 6: Poles, Kiosks, Pillar Boxes and Street Fixtures
- Topic 7: Alternative Power

A record must be made in the Occurrence Book when the training is conducted and an entry made in each attending firefighter's skills maintenance sheet.

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