PROMR13
Save and preserve endangered life

Overview

This standard is about you working as a team member to search for life and rescuing people during fires and other incidents. The unit may cover working as an individual but will usually involve being part of a team to provide treatment to casualty/ies.

Conducting a search for life
This covers your ability to safely search for life using the range of personal protective and rescue equipment available to you. Examples of situations could include within:
1 a structure,
2 compartment(s),
3 transport
4 open spaces
All of which could either be on, above or below ground.

Rescuing life involved in incidents
This covers your ability to safely rescue life using the range of personal protective and rescue equipment available to you. Examples of situations could include:
1 fire,
2 hazardous substances,
3 persons trapped in wreckage,
4 collapsed or dangerous structures
5 result of adverse weather conditions

Providing treatment to casualties (Basic life support and casualty handling)
This covers your ability to treat casualties using the range of treatment and equipment available to you within its capabilities and within your agreed level of authority, responsibility and expertise. Examples could include:
1 within an incident environment,
2 removed from an incident
3 approach by a casualty at an incident

The standard is recommended for fire-fighters. It is also appropriate for mine rescue team members.

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Performance criteria	Conducting a search for life
You must be able to:	P1 confirm what you have to do with the relevant people and keep them updated on progress P2 make best use of your equipment safely and within its limitations to carry out the search and deal with known and anticipated risks P3 conduct the search within your designated area P4 use and adhere to ongoing risk assessment to minimise risk to yourself and others P5 take account of everything which may affect the result of the search
	Rescuing life involved in incidents
You must be able to:	P6 administer aid to minimise further injury and suffering P7 make best use of your equipment safely and within its limitations to carry out the rescue P8 help to take casualties to a place of safety P9 use and adhere to ongoing risk assessment to minimise risk to yourself and others
	Providing treatment to casualties
You must be able to:	P10 prioritise casualties according to their signs and symptoms P11 give treatment to support the stabilisation of casualties' condition P12 make best use of your equipment safely and within its limitations to provide treatment P13 monitor casualties condition until handed over to relevant person(s) P14 give relevant people clear information on your actions and any treatment of casualties
	Supporting the rescue
You must be able to:	P15 operate safely within your agreed level of authority and responsibility P16 reassure casualties in a calm and considerate way P17 ensure that deceased are identified, reported to the relevant people and that the remains are preserved from further harm whenever possible. P18 communicate with people and agencies in a way that is supportive, constructive, positive and timely P19 complete records and make sure they are in the agreed format, accurate, legible and available to authorised people

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Knowledge and understanding	Health and Safety
You need to know and understand:	K1 hazards and risks of the workplace affecting people and the environment in relation to search, rescue and casualty care operations K2 how to make and apply decisions based on the assessment of risk in the case of search, rescue and casualty care operations K3 how to apply practices that maximise the health, safety and welfare of yourself and others during search, rescue and casualty operations
You need to know and understand:	**Organisational** K4 fire Service or other legislation relevant to carrying out search, rescue and casualty care K5 record systems specific to your role and their use K6 sources and availability of information.
You need to know and understand:	**Personal and Interpersonal** K7 how to communicate clearly and effectively with the range of people involved in search, rescue and casualty care K8 how to treat colleagues and members of the public with respect and consideration, taking account of and accepting diversity K9 how to recognise and support distressed people K10 lines and methods of communication/reporting during search, rescue and casualty care K11 roles, responsibilities and limits of authority of yourself, others and other agencies during the course of search, rescue and casualty care operations
You need to know and understand:	**Technical** K12 capabilities and limitations of personal protective and operational equipment used during search, rescue and casualty care K13 how to select and use appropriate personal protective and operational equipment during search, rescue and casualty care K14 roles and responsibilities within the incident command system K15 the types of evidence and its importance K16 how to identify and preserve evidence including fatalities K17 relevant search procedures K18 relevant rescue procedures K19 how to prioritise casualties K20 how and when to provide immediate medical care K21 appropriate casualty handling techniques K22 protocols to determine the status and removal of the deceased

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