

Overview

This standard is about your ability to work as a team member to attend and control incidents involving animals. This standard includes using personal protective equipment and safely operating equipment to control animals and to keep you safe at incidents involving animals.

Animals can have unpredictable behaviour that can change very quickly, therefore you will need to understand the key areas which may affect animal behaviour at fire and rescue incidents. Throughout this standard, it is important that you communicate effectively in order to keep yourself and others informed and safe.

This standard is recommended for firefighters who attend incidents involving animals.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the importance of maintaining the safety and welfare of yourself and others at incidents involving animals
2. factors affecting personnel safety and welfare during response to animal incidents
3. safe working practices of your organisation when responding to incidents involving animals
4. measures available for maintaining welfare at incidents involving animals including rest areas, food, water and first aid support
5. hazards and risks of incidents involving animals affecting people, property and the environment
6. how to use risk assessment information
7. how to use risk assessment information to make decisions
8. how to apply decisions based on the assessment of risk
9. your organisation's control measures to mitigate risk
10. personal protective and operational equipment used at incidents involving animals including their capabilities, limitations and safe use
11. requirements of your role at incidents involving animals including; policies and procedures to be followed
up to date legislation to be followed
12. relevant protocols operational guidance
13. roles, responsibilities and limits of authority for self, others and other agencies in relation to incidents involving animals
14. methods and techniques for communicating with others
15. lines and methods of communication and reporting in the workplace
16. the importance of effective communications with others during incidents involving animals
17. how to treat others with respect and consideration, taking account of and accepting diversity
18. information available to inform your understanding of incidents involving animals and how to access it
19. how to use appropriate techniques to move and position yourself and others at incidents involving animals
20. rescue tactics and methods for controlling and extricating animals
21. how to maintain situational awareness at incidents involving animals

Manage incidents involving animals

22. how to react to different types of animal behaviour

23. the resources are available to you, and when to select them, for dealing with incidents involving animals

Scope/range

1. Sources and types of information

1.1 specialist animal rescue information

1.2 location, use and transportation data

1.3 local and national capability registers

1.4 local, strategic and major incident fire and rescue plans and strategies

1.5 historical incident information

1.6 national, regional and local animal rescue strategies

1.7 policies, guidance, standard operating procedures and risk assessments relevant to incidents involving animals

1.8 relevant software and tools

2 Characteristics of incidents involving animals

2.1 animal behaviour

2.2 human behaviour

2.3 control of animals (including physical and chemical control)

2.4 trigger points

2.5 Generic risks take on a dynamic nature where animals involved

3 Risks

3.1 health and safety risks to people

3.2 property, economic and commercial risk

3.3 environmental risk

3.4 risk management plans, such as Integrated Risk Management plans and Community Risk Registers

4 Others

4.1 BARTA (British Animal Rescue and Trauma Care Association)

4.2 CFOA ARPF (Animal Rescue Practitioners Forum)

4.3 colleagues

4.4 owners/responsible persons

4.5 vets

4.6 RSPCA, SSPCA, USPCA

4.7 Trading standards

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4.8 DEFRA

4.9 emergency services

4.10 utility companies

4.11 media

4.12 members of the public

4.13 transport services

4.14 Search and Rescue Teams

4.15 Local and National Authorities

4.16 Research agencies

4.17 voluntary agencies

4.18 other agencies

5 Resources

5.1 internal resources

5.2 external resources

5.3 personnel and their capabilities

5.4 veterinary/specialist support

5.5 equipment

Links to other NOS

It is expected that this NOS will be used and applied in conjunction with other NOS which apply to your role in fire and rescue

External Links