

Report 08.802
Date 17 October 2008.
File Z/01/04/19

Committee CDEM Group
Author Dr Roger Blakeley, Chair Co-ordinating Executive
 Group (CEG)

Exercise Clean UP

1. Purpose

To inform the Wellington Region Civil Defence Emergency Management Group (CDEM Group) about the upcoming exercise for the Wellington Regional Response Teams.

2. Background

In the Wellington Region there are four Response Teams, namely WCC Tawa Rescue NZ-RT8, Victoria Rescue, NZ-RT7 Upper Hutt Community Rescue NZ-RT9 and Hutt City Emergency Response Team NZ-RT18.

In accordance with the Best Practice Guideline the teams are required to engage in at least two CDEM Group approved Response Team exercises per year, preferably with other registered response teams.

3. Aim and Objectives of the Exercise

3.1 Aim

To provide members of the Wellington Response Teams with a meaningful exercise to fulfil their requirement for registration and as part of the Wellington CDEM Group annual exercise programme.

3.2 Objectives

- To practice teams in combined operations
- To exercise the teams in storm and flood response activities
- To test the co-ordination of resources responding from outside of the Wellington Region.

3.3 Exercise Overview

The exercise will run over a weekend in February or March 2009. Planning for the exercise is still underway but will be based on the following scenario:

An extreme weather event has affected the Wellington Region. Numerous buildings, including residential homes and commercial buildings have suffered storm damage. Other premises are likely to be flooded with the continuing rain and rising river levels. The Response Teams will be tasked with reconnaissance, subsequent securing of buildings, pumping out of flooded buildings and preventative sandbagging.

An Incident Management Team (IMT) will be established to manage and task the Response Teams during the exercise.

3.4 Participants

In addition to the four Response Teams, the following organisations are likely to participate in the exercise in the below mentioned capacity:

- Devereux-Blum Training and Development Ltd – exercise development and in the Incident Management Team
- Salvation Army Lower Hutt – catering for exercise casualties and co-ordinating committee
- Lower Hutt Secondary School students – exercise casualties
- Wainuiomata Whanau Family Trust – lease of the site.

3.5 Budget

The proposed budget for the exercise is \$5000.00. This needs to be paid for through the agreed CDEM Group Funding Apportionment.

4. Recommendations

That the CDEM Group:

1. *receives the report;*
2. *notes that an exercise for the Response Teams is part of the annual exercise programme for the Wellington CDEM Group;*
3. *notes that members of the Incident Management Team for all exercises be drawn from the Emergency Management Offices, including Controllers; and*

4. ***approves the expenditure not exceeding \$5,000 for Exercise Clean Up to be held in February or March 2009.***

Report prepared by:

Dr Roger Blakeley
Chair Co-ordinating Executive Group
(CEG)