



AUGUST 2010

FORUM TOPIC OF THE MONTH:

54% of all working incidents are non-fire related. What additional training or resources does your brigade need to be equipped to respond? And how many of your brigade members are high-level first aid trained?

To join the discussion about this topic, go online to www.ufba.org.nz/forum and post your comments on the UFBA member forum. NOTE: You must be a registered user of the website and logged in to participate.

ARE YOU IN TO WIN YET?

Registrations for the new UFBA website are flooding in – keep it coming! If you haven't yet registered, visit www.ufba.org.nz and click on the big red REGISTER button at the top right corner of the screen.

It's worth your while to register before the end of September – if you do, you'll automatically go into the prize draw to win one of these great prizes:

- **A Samsung S8300T touch screen cellphone** (retail price \$699.00), courtesy of Orb Communications. For specs, visit www.telecom.co.nz/mobile
- **Two nights of accommodation** at a Heritage or Citylife Hotel of your choice, from Orbit Corporate Travel

- **\$500 in branded merchandise** (retail value) from the UFBA.



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You must be currently in a UFBA-member brigade, or a former member with at least five years of service, to be a member of the site. Once you register, the UFBA will check your eligibility in our database and approve your request within one business day. If you do not appear in our database, we may contact you or your CFO for verification.

Thanks to our business partners – Orb Communications, Orbit Corporate Travel, Swazi Apparel, and Placemakers – for making this promotion possible.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ross Ditmer

I have just returned from the Australasian Road Crash Rescue Challenge held in Melbourne and it was fantastic to witness the success of our New Zealand teams. Morrinsville was placed second overall with Whitianga and Greytown finishing fourth equal out of 15 teams. The teams competing were from across Australia, New Zealand, and as far away as Hong Kong. Also competing from NZ was the team from Hawera (11th) who funded its own way to compete. Well done, guys!

I attended as part of a small team to discuss and promote next year's Australasian and World Road Crash Rescue

Challenge to be held in Christchurch in July. I am pleased to report that planning is well underway and I am confident that the UFBA, with technical support from ARRO (Australasian Road Rescue Organization), will put on a successful challenge worthy of the world stage.

UFBA Life Member Sandy Lawson received his 50 Year Medal at a celebration in Wellington on the 31st July. On behalf of all the membership, I extend our congratulations to Sandy on this fantastic milestone – well done.

The NZFS is conducting a survey on Volunteer sustainability and I would encourage EVERY volunteer to participate in the online survey, it covers areas such as recruitment, retention and reasons that drive you to be a member, it does not take long and it will provide valuable feedback to the project team and it is a real way for you to have a say in the future direction of Volunteering within the Fire Service into the future. Here's the link for your convenience: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/volunteersustainability>

Ross Ditmer

President

AUGUST GOLD STAR RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following members, who will be honoured this month for 25 years of service:

Maurice Kemsley, New Plymouth

David Tomlinson, New Plymouth

Mark Thomas, Christchurch

Lindsay Taylor, Wanganui

Selwyn Vesty, Stratford

Neil Wanhill, Waiuku

Kenneth Tisdall, Queenstown

Roy Hoogenraad, Timaru

Brent Foster, Dunedin

Peter Hessian, Dunedin

Raymond Adams, Dunedin

Mark Dyer, Dunedin

UFBA Gets Involved in the BA Set Replacement Project

The Fire Service is undertaking a project to replace all 3500 of its current BA sets. Many of the current sets are approaching 18 years old and are becoming more costly to service and maintain. There have also been a number of developments over the last five to ten years in BA technology and wearer safety functionality that the Fire Service would like to evaluate to see if it has any benefits to wearers.

The UFBA is heavily involved in the project, both as a stakeholder and in helping manage the replacement process.

NZFBI President Kerry Ferris, from Stoke Volunteer Fire Brigade, sits on the project's Stakeholder Consultation Group, where the interests of those impacted by the project are represented. Kerry is also a member of the Operational Evaluation Team, which is tasked with designing and running the operational evaluation (trial) of the sets.

The timescale for the project is as follows:

- Conduct trial (standard and enhanced set): August to September 2010
- Contract with selected supplier: mid-October
- Commence roll out of new sets: March/April 2011
- Complete roll out of all new sets: December 2012.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

(Courtesy of Alison Aprhys, CFA, Victoria)



UFBA teams (Whitianga, Hawera, Morrinsville and Greytown) with Rob Dixon, the team manager, at the recent iRescue event in Melbourne.

What an impressive showing the New Zealand teams put in at iRescue 2010 – the Australasian Road Rescue Challenge! Morrinsville finished second, and Whitianga and Greytown took fourth equal. Hawera competed on a self-funded basis as a wild card and finished 11th out of 15 teams.

Rob Dixon, UFBA Technical Panel Member and Team Manager, wishes to personally congratulate each of the team members for fantastic performances and the good conduct shown in representing New Zealand.

Check out complete results from the event on the UFBA website.

OTAKI VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE GAINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR INVENTION

In June, Otaki Volunteer Fire Brigade was recognised at the New Zealand Workplace Health and Safety awards in the category of best design or technology initiative. The brigade earned this honour by designing and building a rapid extraction beam to make it easier and safer to extract injured people from smashed cars.

Warren Lauder, who passed away earlier this year, thought up the invention, which reduces the risk of brigade members being struck by traffic and enables medics to better attend to crash victims while they are being extracted.

The award was an appropriate way to honour Warren's memory. The device was featured in several media outlets, including Cambell Live and the Kapiti Observer. Links to these news stories are available through the UFBA website.

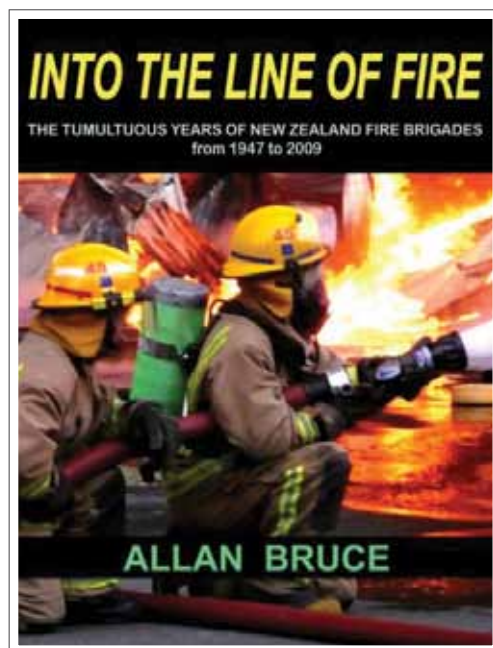
FEATURED FIRE SHOP MERCHANDISE

This month, we're featuring two of our top-selling items: Fire Service caps and beanies, now with a better quality embroidered NZFS Crest.

Rural crests are available at the same prices, and soon we'll be adding UFBA beanies to our stock.

Into the Line of Fire, the book by Allan Bruce, is also still available and makes for interesting reading, so pick up your copy today.

Order forms are available through the UFBA website.



Into The Line Of Fire – Allan Bruce \$43.50 + \$5 Postage



Code 1441 – NZFS 100% Merino Wool Beanie \$19.00

Code 1441A – NZFS 100% Merino Wool Beanie with brigade name \$21.00 (Qty. of 10 or more)



Code 1009 – NZFS Baseball Cap \$18.00

Code 1010 – NZFS Baseball Cap with brigade name \$20.00 (Qty. of 10 or more)

BUSY DAY FOR NZFBI FIELD DAY PARTICIPANTS

The Picton Volunteer Fire Brigade hosted an NZFBI (New Zealand Fire Brigades' Institute) field day in late July. The day was chock-full of new and interesting information for participants.

The agenda included a visit and step-by-step detail of the recent marine fire incident in Waikawa Bay; a visit with the Picton oil spill coordinator to look at the equipment available for management and cleanup of spills; and a trip to the timber mill at Shakespeare Bay to look at the processes and risks associated with it.

To top it off, participants toured the the Picton Ferry – including the engine room, the Bridge, the rail deck and other levels – to take a look at fire protection systems and firefighting capabilities on board, and then heard from the New Zealand Police about the double fatality in the boat incident in Waikawa Bay.

The NZFBI thanks Picton Volunteer Fire Brigade for putting on an excellent day.

If you'd like to find out about hosting a field day with the NZFBI, contact ian.wellings@fire.org.nz



NZFBI field day participants learn about oil spill equipment at the Picton Wharf.

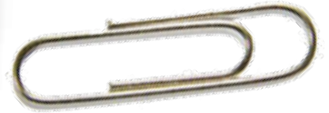
THE NZFBI FIVE-MINUTE QUIZ

Take the quiz below and test your firefighting knowledge. These questions are courtesy of the New Zealand Fire Brigades' Institute. Answers are available online at www.ufba.org.nz/nzfbi/five_minute_quiz/august_2010 and will also be published in next month's newsletter.

1. What type of knot is used to haul a piece of equipment aloft?
2. What knot is often used for tying bandages in NZFS?
3. What knot is often used to secure a line to an object or another line?
4. What two knots are often used to join two lines together (but not in rescue situations)?
5. What knot is used as a stopper?
6. What knot allows the load on the line to be shared between two separate anchor points in a line rescue situation?
7. What knot is used to raise patients in a vertical position when rescue strops are not available?
8. What knot is used to form a loop in the centre of the line so equipment can be hung to it or hook to another line? (It can also be used on anchor points)?
9. What general purpose knot is used to tie off a line that has a load on it?
10. Inspections on line should be done when? (4 points)

Find out more about the NZFBI at www.ufba.org.nz/nzfbi/about_nzfbi.

UFBA EVENT BULLETIN



UFBA National Drivers Challenge

Brigade members wishing to register for the Drivers Challenge can now do so via the UFBA website. Registrations will remain open until August 20.

Assistance with Training & Open Days for Waterways

Are you, your brigade or your provincial association interested in hosting an open day along with a Technical Panel member to learn more about how to get started for the Waterways Challenge season in 2011?

The UFBA wants to see more members involved in the Waterway Challenge next year, and the Technical Panel is happy to come along to your station to show you how it's done! If you're interested, please contact the Events Team on 04 237 0265 or events@ufba.org.nz.

Challenge Equipment

Hosting an event and need some equipment? Borrow it from the UFBA. Equipment loans are for official events only and, in some cases, there will be a cost involved to transport the equipment to and from the UFBA office. There are also pieces of equipment that require the expertise of a Technical Panel member. The Challenge Equipment Request form can be downloaded at www.ufba.org.nz/events/list/category/ufba_challenges.

2010 UFBA National Firefighter Combat Challenge

It's almost here and we want YOU to compete! Combat Challenge registrations are now open through the UFBA website. Please read the latest copy of the rules before registering. Competitors are responsible for any travel, accommodation and sundry expenses incurred while at the event. If you have any questions, email events@ufba.org.nz.

UFBA Firefighter Combat Challenge 2011

If you're interested in hosting a Combat Challenge in 2011, we want to hear from you. The UFBA is now seeking hosts for the following events in 2011:

March / April	North Island Fire Fighter Combat Challenge
	South Island Fire Fighter Combat Challenge
September / October	National Fire Fighter Combat Challenge



To register your interest, submit an expression of interest to the UFBA. Expression of interest templates can be found on the website or you can email events@ufba.org.nz for more information.

Conference Registration Process

A big thank you to the 41 brigades that have already returned the Delegate Nomination Form – we look forward to seeing you at Conference in November. The deadline for the receipt of these is 27 October 2010. An electronic version of the form is available for download at www.ufba.org.nz/events/132nd_conference. If you are unable to download the form, email events@ufba.org.nz or phone 04 237 0265.

Delegates who choose to register without having submitted the correct paperwork to the UFBA will be responsible for any costs incurred (flights, accommodation, social functions, etc.). Observers and partners are not required to complete the form and should register once the online registration is up and running in early September.

The conference will be held from 27 – 29 November 2010 at the Duxton Hotel, Wellington.

Further information will be available in September.

Final Reminder: Board, Technical Panel & Vice President Nominations Due

We have yet to receive any nominations for the positions available on the Board or Technical Panel. Nominations for both of these close on 27 August 2010.

Final Reminder: Conference Remits Due

The deadline for getting these to the UFBA is 27 August 2010.

KEY DATES

Remember to keep an eye on the website for updates and key deadlines.

2010		2011	
6 August	Expressions of Interest for Hosting Conference 2011 close	15 January	Region 2 Waterway Challenge Carterton
20 August	Drivers Challenge Registration Closes	29 January	Region 1 Waterway Challenge Turangi
27 August	Conference Forms Due: Conference Remit Nomination for Vice President Nomination for Board Nomination for Technical Panel	5 February	Region 4 Waterway Challenge Oamaru
10 & 11 September	National Drivers Challenge Ruapuna, Christchurch	12 February	Region 3 Waterway Challenge Hokitika
2 October	National Combat Challenge Cathedral Square, Christchurch	24 – 26 February	National Waterway Challenge Carterton
27 October	Delegate Nomination Forms due for Conference		
27 – 29 November	National Conference Duxton Hotel, Wellington		

BRIGADE NOTES

Devonport Volunteer Fire Brigade is celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year during the weekend of 4th and 5th December. Check out the weekend of celebrations planned at www.dvfb.org.nz. Past members or other interested parties may register interest through the website or by writing to the Devonport Brigade at PO Box 32-369, Devonport. The brigade also welcomes any historical information or photos that relate to its 125 years of service.

Find out about all the benefits of becoming a member of the New Zealand Firefighters Credit Union (www.firefighters.co.nz) and New Zealand Firefighters Welfare Society (www.firefighters.org.nz) today!



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