



SUBJECT Traffic management at incidents

DATE 17 July 2020

TO Operational personnel only

FROM Paul Turner, National Manager Response Capability

STATUS Operational instruction

Action

- Ensure all personnel are aware of and action this National Notice.

Situation

- The expansion of incidents Fire and Emergency is now required to respond to has seen an increase in our personnel working on or near the road and carrying out Stop/Go duties.
- Traffic management using Stop/Go signs adds extra risk to our personnel by placing them in front of moving traffic and requires a significant amount of training and resources.
- There have recently been some 'near misses' while using Stop/Go signs that have put our personnel at risk. This has led to risk assessing working on roadways and considering a national position.
- Under the Fire and Emergency NZ Act we have the power to close any road near an emergency by using our fire appliances as a physical barrier and road cones.
- Closing the road and positioning of the fire appliance reduces risk to our personnel by removing them from the direct impact of vehicles on the road.
- Closing the road is to be used at any time where traffic cannot flow past an incident safely from both directions until Traffic Control is established by Police or approved traffic management contractors.
- For the safety, health, and wellbeing of our people, please remove all Stop/Go signs from appliances.

If road needs to stay open where traffic cannot flow safely in both directions

- If traffic management is required where traffic cannot flow safely in both directions, please:
 - request traffic control through the Police as soon as possible (we understand on remote highways/roads that Police and traffic management contractors can be delayed and will be working closely on solutions to minimise this delay)
 - use operational support units who have the appropriate temporary traffic management training and equipment.

Contact

- If you have any queries or require more information, please contact your Area Manager, Principal Rural Fire Officer, or Region Manager.

End of Notice.
