

## Weekly Update Entry

### Breathing Apparatus Update

Thank you to all personnel who have attended the FBT courses from Cumberland from April to now and Westmorland before that. We sincerely hope you have got some benefit from the input provided. We are receiving positive feedback from the approach that the L&D department are taking with the progression towards the Tactical Firefighting updates as detailed in the National Operational Guidance issued by the NFCC. [Foundation for firefighting - NFCC](#) (the link will require an NFCC log in to access).

You will have noticed the changes over the course of the last year or so including the following:

- Fire Attack Teams using targeted briefing (flow paths)
- Search & Rescue development incorporating ventilation and door control
- Changes to casualty handling techniques to a realistic approach
- Hose Management input specifically looking at hose reel management and 45mm deployment
- Water Application techniques
- BA Safe Movement
- CFRS 12 Rules of BA
- Introduction of BESAHF situation awareness at fires in the built environment (BA Command Course)
- Introduction to the [Quadrant Model](#) for decision making (BA Command Course)

Going forward, there is still a lot of work to be done to bring the foundation documentation and training documents together for the service to benefit from as a reference and learning materials. The L&D team are working extremely hard to ensure the content developed is extensive and caters for a wide variety of learning styles.

We are always happy to accommodate anyone wishing to attend a course for additional input and exposure to the new techniques and/or to shadow the instructing team for a course to gain an insight into the role of an instructor in L&D.



What's coming:

- Back to basics on understanding Fire Science to provide rationale to the tactics. The 'Why' behind the 'How'.
- New training materials to cover all aspects of tactical firefighting including LearnPro and video content
- Standardised approach to basic fire ground set up
- BAECO station-based assessments
- A refreshed view on Core Skills acquisition for recruits' courses
- A refresh of the Tactical Ventilation procedures and its practical application
- Formal training on BESAHF situational awareness
- Formal training on the Quadrant Model

As a reminder for those that have yet to attend an FBT course, these courses are mandatory for ALL personnel required to wear a breathing apparatus set within service as part of your operational role.

The following courses still have availability for those needing to attend:

- 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025
- 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025
- 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025
- 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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