

Breathing Apparatus Incident Managers Course

The Breathing Apparatus (BA) Incident Managers Course is designed for any ICL 1 Incident Commander who is responsible for planning, implementation and oversight of BA operations at incidents and/or during training.

The Learning and Development department have been and will continue to offer Watch Manager (WM) BA Observer places for WMs to attend their shift/stations hot fire training course.

This will continue to be available and places should be requested via email to FireService LD FireService.LD@cumbriafire.gov.uk

The BA Incident Managers Course is additional to the aforementioned and will be the first in a continued program of mandatory BA Command Training offered by Learning and Development.

The course is aimed at developing competent, confident commanders to manage BA operations safely and effectively in line with CFRS updating service procedures and National Operational Guidance.

The course will be delivered with a combination of theory, tabletop and practical elements.

Course details:

Course name: BA Command Training (**Mandatory Course**)

Location: CFRS HQ, Penrith

Duration: 9am–5pm

Dates:

- Friday 10 October 2025
- Friday 7 November 2025
- Wednesday 3 December 2025
- Saturday 17 January 2026
- Thursday 26 February 2026
- Friday 20 March 2026

Course capacity: From four to 20 persons

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Key learning outcomes:

- Recap and understand the process of Rapid Deployment
- Recap and understand the application of BA Stage 1 and BA Stage 2
- Understand the application of BA Sector Command
- Understand the application of 'CFRS 12 Rules of BA'
- To raise awareness of fire behaviour indicators and their importance in developing an appropriate firefighting and tactical ventilation strategy
- Develop knowledge and understand on the selection of appropriate firefighting and tactical ventilation strategies

Who should attend?

All ICL 1 commanders (Watch and Crew Managers). This course is **mandatory** as we continue to move forward in the development of BA operations in CFRS.

How to apply:

Course nominations should be sent via email to FireService LD **FireService.LD@cumbriafire.gov.uk** with the following details:

- Name and station/shift
- Fire Service Number
- Course date applying for

Spaces on the course are limited to 20 persons, so early nominations are encouraged to ensure you can attend a course that best suits you.

For more information, please contact FireService LD **FireService.LD@cumbriafire.gov.uk** for details. We look forward to seeing you.

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