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Training specification

Tactical lookouts (sector safety officers)



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<p>Responsibilities of a tactical lookout</p>	<p>Understand how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deploy and maintain a vantage point with direct sight of assigned area of responsibility • Establish and maintain good communications with team lookouts, other tactical lookouts and other relevant personnel within the incident command system • Plan, evaluate and monitor the effectiveness of the escape route • Plan, evaluate and monitor safety zones • Monitor all teams and personnel within their area of responsibility and ensure they operate within the LACES safety protocol at all times • Gather and review information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fuel type, condition and arrangement - Topography • Monitor current weather conditions and obtain accurate weather information • Use a wildfire prediction system to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Predict future wildfire behaviour and fire spread - Identify windows of opportunity, trigger points and critical points - Inform the implementation of the LACES safety protocol • Inform the Incident Commander and other personnel, as appropriate, on predicted wildfire behaviour, firespread and potential windows of opportunity, critical points and trigger points • Monitor and communicate any observed or predicted changes in wildfire behaviour, firespread and / or weather conditions to the incident commander and other relevant personnel • Monitor and report any observed or predicted extreme wildfire behaviour to the incident commander, team lookouts, other tactical lookouts and other personnel as appropriate • Monitor and report the location of members of the public, vehicles and aircraft not involved in firefighting operations to the incident commander and other personnel as appropriate • Exchange information with relevant personnel and other agencies • Initiate and monitor the withdrawal of personnel from areas that become too hazardous
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