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Tēnā koe Harwood

Thank you for your request of 18 August 2024, to Fire and Emergency New Zealand, asking for information relating to equipment carried on appliances in the Westcoast, Tasman, Nelson & Marlborough areas. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) and our response is below.

1. *List of minimum equipment required to be carried on type 1 appliances.*

Please find attached, as **Appendix One** to this response, the standard equipment list for type 1 appliances.

2. *List of minimum equipment required to be carried on type 2 pump appliances and type 2 PRT appliances.*

Please find attached, as **Appendix Two** to this response, the standard equipment list for type 2 appliances.

3. *List of minimum equipment required to be carried on any rural or similar type appliance acting as callsign "1,2,3"*

There is no standard equipment list for rural appliances on the West Coast, Tasman, Nelson, or Marlborough areas for the following reasons:

- The types of appliances and available locker space varies across our brigades. The types of appliances include double cab rural trucks, single cab 4X4 trucks and type 1 urban appliances. Due to this we add or remove equipment to utilise the space where possible.
- The different types of appliances have differing axle weight limits that we must adhere to. This means the amount of gear carried varies depending on the type of appliance.
- Brigades vary the type of equipment carried depending on the risk profile of the community and the types of calls that each brigade attends.

- Brigades are trained in differing skills sets, for example, external attack firefighting or medical response. As a result, we adapt the type of equipment carried for these differing skill sets.

As no standard equipment list exists for rural appliances in these areas, or rural appliances nationally, this aspect of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

4. *List of Breathing apparatus carried on front line appliances, be that urban or rural within the Westcoast, Tasman, Nelson & Marlborough areas. Please include the appliance call sign and number of BA each.*

Please find attached, as **Appendix Three** to this response, a list of the appliances carrying breathing apparatus (BA). Appliances carrying BA carry a set of four as standard.

5. *List appliances carrying MVA cutting tools, be that a full compliment or minimal of either urban or rural appliances within the Westcoast, Tasman, Nelson & Marlborough areas. Please include the appliance call sign.*

Please refer to **Appendix Three** for a list of appliances carrying motor vehicle accident (MVA) cutting tools.

6. *Are there any current planned changes to appliances carrying BA or MVA cutting equipment within the above areas?*

There are no planned changes to the allocation of equipment in the Nelson and Marlborough areas. Recently, Whataroa Volunteer Fire Brigade has removed a set of MVA cutting tools that have reached end of life. They are not a Pump Rescue Tender (PRT) brigade, and the equipment was rarely used. A neighbouring station now has PRT.

We removed some MVA cutting tools from Franz Josef Volunteer Fire Brigade for similar reasons as above and this equipment will be replaced with patient access equipment through this year's Capex bid. The station is isolated and, as a result, it can take significant time to reach them.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

We trust that the information being provided is of assistance. If you require further information, please email [officialinformationrequests@fireandemergency.nz](mailto:officialinformationrequests@fireandemergency.nz)

Please note that because of the identified public interest in the information that you have requested, we intend to publish this response on our website.

Nāku noa, nā



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