21 First Aid Training and Competence



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1. Purpose

- **1.1** To provide unit members with guidelines for First Aid and CPR training and qualification.
- **1.2** To provide guidelines that no first aid advice is to be given over radio and/or phone.

2. MR Sydney Members - First Aid

- **2.1** MR Sydney Radio Operators are not required to attain First Aid and CPR competency however training is offered free of charge and is highly recommended.
- **2.2** MR Sydney Watch Officers are required to attain and remain current in First Aid and CPR competency.
- **2.3** Whilst MR Sydney members do not perform first aid as one of our duties, it is desirable that we have a First Aid and AED competent person on each watch.

3. Training Timetable

- **3.1** Once the initial First Aid Certificate has been gained, First Aid refresher training is to be conducted every three (3) years in line with industry standards.
- **3.2** CPR Refresher trainings is to be conducted every one (1) year in line with industry standards.

4. Provision of First Aid advice over the radio/phone

- **4.1** It is impossible to fully determine the situation and or the condition of the injured or ill person over the phone or radio.
- 4.2 NO FIRST AID ADVICE IS TO BE GIVEN IN THESE CASES.
- **4.3** Common sense information to minimise risks to the injured or ill person can be provided.
- **4.4** If and as applicable, advise the caller, that the Marine Rescue/ NSW Police Marine Area Command (MAC) vessel tasked to their assistance, will provide first aid assistance.