



State Rescue Board Meeting Communiqué

30 November 2011

The State Rescue Board held its 102nd Meeting on Wednesday 30 November 2011.

An updated Terms of Reference for the Policy Advisory Committee was endorsed at the meeting. The Terms of Reference has been updated to reflect new agency and subcommittee names and includes Marine Area Command as Members of the Policy Advisory Committee.

On 18 May 2011, the Board endorsed the establishment of a Rescue Training Working Group to consider specific training issues and provide advice to the Board through the Policy Advisory Committee. The Board was presented with a work plan for the Rescue Training Working Group which held its inaugural meeting on 22 September 2011. Key tasks for the Group are to consider recommendations from the vertical rescue review and review the State Rescue Policy in relation to training.

The Board endorsed changes to marine accreditations procedures in NSW. The current Policy requires marine vessels to be accredited by the Board individually. The Board agreed that marine accreditation will now be based on units only. The Board endorsed the subsequent changes to Annex D of the State Rescue Policy. Once finalised, the updated Policy will be made available on the Ministry for Police and Emergency Services website: www.mpes.nsw.gov.au.

The Board also endorsed an amendment to the State Rescue Policy in relation to the use of helicopters in rescue. This will also be available on the Ministry for Police and Emergency Services website: www.mpes.nsw.gov.au.

The State Rescue Board is currently compiling the 2010/11 Annual Report.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 February 2012.