

2nd National
BA
Competition

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Venue: Fire Service College

Dates: October 2nd & 3rd 2009

All competing teams are to meet at the Edinburgh Bar at 2000 hours on Friday October 2nd, a buffet will be provided. The entry fee covers the cost of the buffet for team members only.

At 2100 hours there will be a briefing for Incident Commanders of all competing teams in the Belfast Room, teams will also be notified of their run off times at this stage.

This will be followed by an Assessors Briefing.

The competition will commence at 0900 hours on Saturday 3rd October

On the Saturday evening there will be a formal dining in ceremony, where the presentations will take place. This will be black tie or full undress uniform event.

The entry fee of £600.00 per team will cover the cost of the meal on Saturday evening for the five team members only.

Other personnel apart from the team members are welcome to attend the buffet on Friday and the dining in ceremony on the Saturday but there will be a charge and this will be paid direct to the Fire Service College.

Overnight accommodation for the Friday and Saturday night is available for team members and other personnel at the Fire Service College. You will need to book this and pay direct to the Fire Service College. The cost of the entry fee does not include accommodation.





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Competition Rules.

All teams will consist of 5 personnel and will be assessed in the following areas

1. Command & Control
2. Breathing Apparatus procedures.
3. Fire ground procedures

See attached assessment sheets for guidance.

Assessors.

Each team will be assessed by 5 assessors:

1 assessing Command & Control, this assessor must be Sector Competent in Incident Command and hold the role of at least Watch Commander.

2 assessing the Breathing Apparatus wearers and 1 assessing Breathing Apparatus Entry Control procedures. These assessors must be current Brigade Breathing Apparatus Instructors.

1 assessing general fire ground procedures, this assessor must be an Operational instructor from a brigade training centre.

Three venues at the Fire Service College will be utilised and there will be an independent assessor at each venue





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Equipment

Teams will be allocated a fire appliance 45 minutes prior to their run off in order to check the appliance and to stow it for operational readiness taking into account correct manual handling.

The appliance will have;

1. 2 hose reels and branches
2. Standpipe key and bar
3. 8 lengths of hose and a main branch.

Teams can use their own communications equipment, but if they do so they must provide 2 radios for the assessors, if not they will have to use the college radios.

All other equipment will be provided by the teams as they see fit.





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Scenario

The team, together with the appliance will make its way to the holding area.

The Incident Commander will be given a turnout slip with the Incident Scenario and some 7.2(d) information.

The Incident Commander will have 1 minute to ask questions, he/she will then have a further minute to brief his/her team.

He/she will then respond to the incident taking into account the speed limit on the Fire Service College fire ground which is 10mph.

Upon arrival, the team will have a maximum of 30 minutes to resolve the incident. The exercise will be terminated by verbal communication to the Incident Commander and by radio communication to the Breathing Apparatus wearers.

At the end of the 30 minutes crews will be hot debriefed by the assessors.

Each competing team will receive a more structured debrief report within 6 weeks of the competition.

The winning team and holders of the National BA Competition trophy, will be the team with the highest combined marks.

