

EPICENTRE launches into print...

Welcome to the first edition of *EPICENTRE*, the official newsletter of the Emergency Management Academy of New Zealand. We intend to publish *EPICENTRE* quarterly in addition to our website news and email updates to ensure our clients and students are kept well informed.

Since opening our doors in November 2005, we have been busy delivering training in partnership with Tai Poutini Polytechnic to the emergency management sector. Already we have trained over 175 people in a range of programmes including incident management, swiftwater rescue, exercise management, risk management, rescue tactics, and emergency management core skills. This year alone we expect to train over 800 people through the already 60 scheduled courses.



We have been working hard with Tai Poutini Polytechnic in the development of their Certificates in Emergency Management and we hope that they will be approved in the next couple of months.

In addition to training we have been busy working with other emergency management businesses including Hydro Response Limited. We are pleased to announce that we will be the *preferred training provider* for Hydro Response for their comprehensive range of flood protection products (Geo Barrier featured left). Hydro Response will also be displaying the product range at the National Field Days, Hamilton, 14-17 June.

So what does the future hold? EMANZ has certainly received a positive and strong uptake of its training services and to accommodate the growth we will be bringing on more staff over the next few months. We will be moving into a larger office in Palmerston North, and we will be revising and improving our customer communications and course administration systems.

We are committed to nationally providing quality, credible emergency management training—we are growing because we have had the support of the sector, and I wish to thank all those who have helped us grow and expand. But it is more than a business, we are absolutely committed to not only providing a continuum of professional development initiatives, but also regenerating culture, a sense of professional standing back into our sector.

Thank you for your support, we value your custom and look forward to preparing today for whatever tomorrow holds.

Steve Glassey
Chief Executive



Swiftwater Responder Course: RNZAF Fire/Rescue personnel perform a river crossing.



Exercise Management: Corey Neal and Brandon Guttery brainstorm evaluation concepts.



Rescue Tactics: Improvised structural monitoring being practiced at Matata.

TIPS hits bulls eye for CIMS students

Inspired by some students on an EMANZ CIMS Level 4 course, Chief Executive Steve Glassey thought there must be a simple way to overcome the common reaction of "where do I start with this incident?!"

The Targeted Incident Planning System has yet to be field tested, but from numerous exercises has performed exceedingly well especially for people that are new to incident management.

"The good thing is that it can be applied to virtually any situation and its really simple" says Chief Executive Steve Glassey who developed the system.

It can be used in conjunction with other tools such as dynamic risk assessment techniques, as TIPS focuses on the allocation of task. Once tasked, it is up to the commander of the tasked agency to factor options and undertake their usual risk assessment.

For further information visit the resources section of our website.



EMANZ is pleased to endorse the New Zealand Security & Civil Defence Conference to be held 19-20 June, James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor, Wellington.

The conference is being coordinated by IIR Conferences and will deliver a range of interesting and topical presentations including biosecurity, counter terrorism, regional security, and emergency management.

As part of the endorsement relationship, IIR are pleased to provide a 10% discount on the conference fee to all EMANZ clients and students.

In addition to the discount, EMANZ will be giving away one complimentary guest pass to the two day conference to EMANZ clients and students (including volunteers), worth over \$1,800.

To enter the draw simply send us an email, fax or letter stating why you or one of your staff or volunteers should attend by the 7th April 2006.

Visit www.iir.com.au/security for further information.

Above: Wellington CDEM Group Controller Wayne Hastie undertaking incident action planning using TIPS during a CIMS Level 4 course exercise held at the Royal NZ Police College.

Below: Inspector Ravula (Fiji Police) gives a incident briefing during a CIMS level 4 course exercise held at RNZAF Base Ohakea.



The **International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM)** is a non-profit educational organisation dedicated to promoting the goals of saving lives and protecting property during emergencies and disasters

IAEM is seeking to further expand its membership in New Zealand. EMANZ supports the development of a national association that is internationally linked and recognised for emergency managers in New Zealand.

Join for only US\$50. Once we have enough New Zealand members we can develop a *New Zealand Region* - forms are available from www.iaem.com. For further information contact Kristin Hoskin, email: kh@kestrel.co.nz

EMANZ at Conferenz 5th Annual EM Conference



There were probably two things that participants of the Conferenz 5th Annual Integrated Emergency Management conference took away from the event. One was a small stash of chocolates, the other were words of wisdom around managing flood rescue operations - both given out by EMANZ Chief Executive & Rescue 3 International Instructor Trainer Steve Glassey.

The conference was an excellent forum to facilitate an interactive presentation on the lack of flood rescue and response capability in New Zealand and the finer art of command tactics when confronted with managing flood rescue operations within New Zealand.

EMANZ is a national provider of the Rescue 3 International Swiftwater and Technical Rope Rescue programme. This internationally renowned programme is also certified by the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) and is delivered by accredited Rescue 3 Instructors in over 45 different countries with over 90,000 graduates - making it the world's most popular technical rescue training programme.

Available from our resources section of our website is the conference paper that gives further information on flood rescue, an essential read for any emergency service commander and emergency manager.

Above: Flood rescue is not for the faint hearted. This rescue environment demands specialist training and equipment from a reputable programme that is tailored and proven for emergency services. *Photo courtesy: Yahoo Swiftwater Forum.*

Right: EMANZ course students complete swiftwater rescue training on Otaki River, February 2006. Many participants were from the Swiftwater Rescue Education Trust and completed requirements towards their Rescue 3 International Water Instructor rating as well as three members also being awarded the new Sports, Fitness & Recreation Industry Training Organisation's *National Award in Risk Management.*



Important note for Training Coordinators

To improve our course administration procedures, we will no longer require enrolment forms to be completed prior to the course. Enrolment forms are now completed on the course to reduce the burden of pre-course paperwork for training coordinators.

For both hosted (the courses we run for you at your location) and national courses, we do however now require a course nomination form to be completed and sent in, no later than 6 weeks prior to the course. This form allows us to determine whether we have sufficient student numbers to run the course, allocate students from external agencies to attend, and prioritise the student allocations if required.

The register interest fax/form is available from our website.

Upcoming Courses & Events

Date	Course	Location	Code	Host Agency
1-2 April 2006	Swiftwater Responder	Palmerston North	EM033	NZ Red Cross
1-2 April 2006	RAPID Core Skills	New Plymouth	EM064	NZ Red Cross
22-23 April 2006	Leadership	Scoutlands, Wanganui	EM006	National Course EMANZ
24 April 2006	CDEM Response Team Leaders Conference	Scoutlands, Wanganui		
6-7 May 2006	Swiftwater Responder	Wellington	EM016	Upper Hutt Community Rescue
13-14 May 2006	Swiftwater Responder	Whakatane	EM017	Whakatane District Council
13-14 May 2006	RAPID Core Skills	Nelson	EM074	NZ Red Cross
20-21 May 2006	Rope Responder	Wellington	EM019	Victoria University
20-21 May 2006	RAPID Core Skills	Wellington	EM078	NZ Red Cross
27-28 May 2006	Rope Responder	Palmerston North	EM063	Palmerston North City Council
3 June 2006	Cordon & Triage	Wellington	EM034	Victoria University
4 June 2006	Aircraft Safety	Paraparaumu	EM035	National Course EMANZ
7-9 June 2006	CIMS Level 4	Palmerston North	EM069	Dept. of Corrections
17-18 June 2006	USAR CAT1A	Nelson	EM075	NZ Red Cross
14-17 June 2006	Flood Product Demonstrations	Hamilton	National Field Days	www.hydroresponse.com
19-20 June 2006	NZ Security & CD Conference	Wellington		www.irr.com.au/security
24-25 June 2006	Flood Response 1 & 2	Whakatane	EM025	Whakatane District Council
27-29 June 2006	CIMS Level 4	Whangarei	EM070	Northland CDEMG
1-2 July 2006	Swiftwater Technician	Otaki	EM023	National Course EMANZ
12-13 August 2006	Rescue Tactics	Wellington	EM009	National Course EMANZ

*All dates subject to change. Please contact us for further information or confirmation of course dates and locations.
Not all EMANZ courses are listed above. A public list of course dates is maintained on our website.*