



## Mercury Incident

<b>Scope</b>	This Operations Bulletin applies to all operational personnel.
<b>Background</b>	<p>At a recent event, a level of mercury contamination of CFA Personal Protective Clothing (PCC) was identified after the incident. This resulted in the isolation, testing and cleaning of additional equipment, appliances and locations. Medical monitoring is also being undertaken for those members involved.</p> <p>When the issue was identified, the response by local staff and volunteers was swift and professional with the health and wellbeing of our people a clear focus.</p>
<b>Details</b>	<p>There is currently an After Action Review being conducted on the specifics of this incident and as such, information relating to this incident is not currently available for dissemination.</p> <p>CFA is committed to ensuring the safety of its members at all times and this incident serves as a reminder of the risks we can face on a daily basis. Members need to continue to be diligent and be aware of the risks that incidents involving hazardous materials can pose to our health and safety.</p> <p>It is important for members to take all necessary steps to ensure that contaminants are not spread inadvertently beyond the scene of the incident.</p> <p>All members are reminded that the following resources are available to assist in the case of an incident involving hazardous materials;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Hazmat Appliances</li><li>▪ Hazmat Detection Capability</li><li>▪ Rostered Duty Officer</li><li>▪ Rostered Scientific Officer</li><li>▪ Rostered Protective Equipment Duty Officer</li></ul>
<b>Actions</b>	<p>All members should familiarise themselves with the following Chief Officer's Standing Order (SO) and Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs) that provide guidance and direction in relation to managing an incident involving hazardous materials;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ SO 11.00 – <i>Health and Safety</i>;</li><li>▪ SOP 10.06 – <i>Chemical, Biological, Radiological Response</i>;</li><li>▪ SOP 10.22 – <i>Hazmat Detection Arrangements</i>;</li><li>▪ SOP 11.02 – <i>Medical Monitoring – Biological and Hazardous Substances</i>; and</li><li>▪ SOP 11.03 – <i>Personal Protective Clothing</i>.</li></ul>
<b>Further Information</b>	Contact the Rostered Duty Officer.
<b>Approval</b>	Chief Officer Euan Ferguson.