



NFEC (IPC) Dialogue Session with FSMs and Safety Officers from Industrial Premises WY14



Programme

1500hrs - Registration

1530hrs - Introductory from Deputy Chairperson, IPC

1540hrs - **Jan to Jun 2014 Fire Statistics**

(by MAJ Samuel Koh, FIU, Operations Dept, SCDF)

1555hrs - **Common Fire Safety Non-Compliances and SCDF Enforcement Actions**

(by MAJ Azmi Adam, Senior Assistant Director, CED, SCDF)

1610hrs – Dialogue Session (Part 1) – Written Feedback

1630hrs – Light Reception

1645hrs – Dialogue Session (Part 2) – Open Feedback

1715hrs - End of Dialogue Session



Introductory from Deputy Chairperson NFEC (Industrial Premises Committee)





Dialogue Session (Part 1) – Written Feedback





CERT

1 Company must form up CERT and prepare for SCDF Audit 2015 but with the following problem:

- Most company finds it hard to find young man to attend CERT Training and old worker mostly have health problem

Premises are expected to meet the regulatory requirement. Adequate effort should be made to comply with the regulatory requirement. CERT members are not limited to only young man. Premises owners/occupiers who has difficulty in forming the CERT due to manpower constraint may contact CPT Chu Yiu Tak for further discussion.





CERT

2 Worker cannot pass medical test for CERT training

The minimum number of people required to attend the CERT Response courses is 5 (1 SIC + 4 ERT Members). There should be sufficient people to meet the regulatory requirement. Alternatively, provisions should be made during hiring to ensure future employees are fit to be CERT members.

3 Company claim expensive asset upfront on CERT PPE (Fire Fighting suit, safety helmet, Safety boot size allocated for individual team member). Can company claim?

The owner or occupier of the building is responsible for the training and equipping costs. If tenants or contactors are engaged to form the CERT, they can claim the training and equipment costs from the building owner. Cost incurred for fire safety should be treated as part of an investment which may save the company from a bigger fire lost.





CERT

4 Company unable to form a CERT Team or fail the CERT SCDF Audit. What is the consequence? Can still renew fire certificate?

It is an offense to not meet the CERT requirement. For the first audit, SCDF will work with premises to comply with the regulatory requirement. Subsequent failure will result in enforcement action.





CERT

5 To indicate if the following statements/situations are acceptable or unacceptable to SCDF:

- WSQ Implement Incident Management Processes (1 Day) Course is suitable for both Site Main Controller (SMC) and Site Incident Controller (SIC) in the Company Emergency Response Team (CERT) training

Yes. The WSQ Implement Incident Management Processes is the recommended course for SMC and SIC. In addition, the SIC is also required to attend the relevant incident response course as listed in the National CERT Standard.





CERT

6 To indicate if the following statements/situations are acceptable or unacceptable to SCDF:

- Participant who is an appointed Site Main Controller (SMC) upon successful attainment of the industry approved competency in PI-PRO-325E-1 IMPLEMENT INCIDENT MANAGEMENT PROCESS conducted by A-CERTS; could immediately assume the SMC roles and responsibilities

Yes.





CERT

7 To indicate if the following statements/situations are acceptable or unacceptable to SCDF:

- Senior Management Personnel of an organisation stationed at the Company Head Office can appoint Manager(s); non- Senior Management level; in their subsidiary company(s) as SMC under the following circumstances:
 - I. The subsidiary company is a non-manufacturing facility; low risk tier 3 category premises
 - II. Travel distance between the Head Office where the Senior Management Personnel are located and their subsidiary company is far apart from each other





CERT

- III. The Manager is stationed in-house in the subsidiary company; overall in-charge and has complete control of the subsidiary company daily operations
- IV. Senior Management Personnel have frequent overseas business trips
- V. Senior Management Personnel remain contactable at all times by mobile phones and vide internet/ other e-communication services when directives are required for strategic decisions such as plant shutdown, dealings with governing agencies, etc, during an emergency

Anyone can be the SMC as long as the person can perform required duties of the SMC. We do not have specific requirement as shown above.





CERT

- 8 With regards to the follow-up training courses for SMC and SIC, please give us your recommended lists (in order of priorities) suitable for our workplace risk category; i.e., non-manufacturing facilities; tier 3 low risk premises.

If follow up training refers to refresher training, all CERT premises are required to conduct regular refresher training regardless of tier. The recommendation for refresher training is at least once every 3 months.

The refresher training can be done in components, e.g. refresher training for evacuation in March, refresher training for use of hose reel and extinguishers in June, in place protection procedure in September and basic first aid in December.





FSM

- 9 Will SCDF be able to provide FSM with some information on the latest industrial fire that happened around Singapore so that FSM can be more aware on the situation and learn from the incidents? Currently the fire incident is only available at the website under the press release subpage. I like to suggest that SCDF look into releasing more information to FSM maybe via app or other social media that is only exclusive to FSM if any legal issue is a concern with regards to the fire incident that happened.

FSM exclusive materials will be released at FSM only events, or via the email address of the FSM registered in the eFSM portal. Information to be released for general public will be available in various channel, such as the press release highlight, Facebook and on the SCDF website.





FSM

- 10 Whether terrorism scenarios had been inculcated/planned

What's the context for this question?

- 11 How does SCDF verify requisite annual premise exercise had been conducted in full compliance appropriately

Premises are required to conduct two fire drills per year. The building owner has to ensure these drills are conducted diligently.





FSM

12 Does the supply of available FSMs meet the nation's needs, despite the restrictions on number of jobs an FSM can take (if they exist) and will there be a move towards results orientation rather than numbers, bearing in mind the financial viability of an FSM in a competitive market

There are approximately 6000 registered FSMs currently, which is sufficient to meet the number of premises that require FSMs.





FSM

13 How does SCDF track and ensure new, classified premises/developments toe the line and what is the grace period for

If the question means how do we keep track of whether new development employ the FSM, we track based on their TOP dates. The 90 days grace period for compliance from date of TOP or date of issuance of certificate of statutory completion is stated Fire Safety (Fire Safety Managers) Regulations and Fire Safety (Premises Requiring Fire Safety Manager and Company Emergency Response Team) Notification 2013.





Tea Break

Please be back in 25mins





Dialogue Session (Part 2) – Open Feedback

(Please indicate your Name and Organisation)





Thank you

