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**SLOPES: FRNSW Alpine Resorts Education and Training/Fire Alarms**

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15 June 2013 at 18:54

Dear SLOPES Members

You will probably have received in the last day or so emails titled:

1. Fire and Rescue NSW - Fire Safety Education and Training - issued by Daniel James, Team Leader of the Alpine Resorts Team, and
2. NSW Fire & Rescue - Fire Alarms - issued by Susan Brown of NPWS.

Copies of the emails are set out below and the attachments referred to are attached to this email.

There is a lot of history on these issues. Much of it stems from the protracted and difficult negotiations SLOPES had last year in connection with the operational changes to the Perisher Valley Fire Station which we opposed and which were nevertheless imposed by FRNSW.

We are preparing some background information for Clubs to consider in responding to the Fire Safety Education and Training email.

We expect to issue an update to Clubs on Monday or Tuesday at the latest.

In the meantime we recommend that Clubs defer responding to this email (and do NOT return Schedule 1 of the letter) until we have sent you that update.

We have sought clarification from NPWS as to the "new initiatives" referred to in the Fire Alarms email. We will inform you once we hear back. But we do encourage as many Clubs as possible to attend the Village meetings.

Regards

Frank Zipfinger  
President  
SLOPES

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**VILLAGE MEETINGS AND FIRE ALARMS EMAIL**

From: [Susan.Brown@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Susan.Brown@environment.nsw.gov.au)  
Subject: NSW Fire & Rescue - Fire Alarms  
Date: Fri, 14 Jun 2013 07:43:15 +0000

NSW Fire & Rescue will also be attending the Village meetings scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 10am at the Guthega Alpine Hotel, Guthega & 2pm at The Man from Snowy River Hotel, Perisher Valley to answer any questions and also explain some new initiatives they are undertaking with State Planning in regards to Annual Fire Safety Statements.

Kindly direct any questions regarding the attached letter to Ken Murphy on (02) 6284 2150  
[orkenneth.murphy@fire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:orkenneth.murphy@fire.nsw.gov.au).

Regards

*Susan Brown*

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### **FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION AND TRAINING EMAIL**

Date: Fri, 14 Jun 2013 15:21:11 +1000  
From: [alpineresorts@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:alpineresorts@planning.nsw.gov.au)  
Subject: FRNSW Alpine Resorts Education and Training

Good Afternoon

Please find attached a letter regarding fire safety education and training to be held during winter 2013.

We would appreciate if you could return Schedule 1 to us at your earliest convenience.

Regards

Jennifer Stevenson  
Administration Officer

**Alpine Resorts Team**  
**Metropolitan & Regional Projects South**  
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**2 attachments**



**Fire Safety Education & Training - Mirrabooka.pdf**

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**Automatic Fire Alarm Letter from NSW Fire & Rescue 7 June 2013.pdf**

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14 June 2013

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Mr Garth Purdy  
Treasurer/Director  
Mirrabooka Co-operative Ski Club Limited  
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ENGADINE NSW 2233

DP&I File: 13/09964  
FRNSW File: 13/5052

Dear Sir/Madam

### **FIRE AND RESCUE NSW – FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

During the 2013 winter ski season, Fire and Rescue NSW will be running fire safety education and training for lodges in Perisher, Smiggin Holes and Guthega.

This initiative is part of the Government's coordinated approach to fire safety in the Alpine Resorts and flows on from other State wide initiatives by Fire and Rescue NSW.

The education and training will take place at individual lodges throughout the season. Each lodge will have an opportunity to ask questions and seek advice in relation to fire safety obligations for shared accommodation buildings including;

- annual fire safety statements;
- fire exit requirements; and
- smoke detection systems.

Can you please assist by completing the attached contact details form in Schedule 1 and returning it within 14 days of the date of this letter.

If you have any enquiries in relation to this matter, please contact the undersigned on 6456 1733 or Superintendent Wayne Roberts, Zone Commander, Zone Office RS1 Batemans Bay, Fire & Rescue NSW on 4472 3042.

Yours sincerely,

**Daniel James**  
Team Leader  
Alpine Resorts Team





**SCHEDULE 1**  
**FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION AND TRAINING**  
**WINTER 2013**

Premises (Lodge) Name:	
Premises Address:	Lot No.: Street: Suburb/Postcode:
Contact Name:	First Name: Surname:
Contact Details:	Telephone: Mobile: Email:
Preferred week for education and training?	
Preferred time of day for education and training?	
Any other relevant information:	

Please complete this form and return to the Department's Jindabyne Office within 14 days on fax number 6456 1736 or PO Box 36 Jindabyne NSW 2627 or via email to [alpineresorts@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:alpineresorts@planning.nsw.gov.au)







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Msu- Consultative Committee  
National Parks and Wildlife Service  
Office of Environment and Heritage  
Department Of Premiers and Cabinet  
Po Box 2228 Jindabyne NSW 2627

7<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Dear Consultative committee members

Fire and Rescue NSW is committed to reducing the number of false alarms from Automatic Fire Alarms (AFAs). FRNSW statistics show that approximately 98% of AFA –generated incidents are false alarms. There were 44,698 AFA call outs in 2012. FRNSW has a statutory obligation under the *Fire Brigade Act 1989* to attend all alarms of fire including those from AFAs. False alarms divert FRNSW resources that would otherwise be available for genuine emergencies.

FRNSW is a member of the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC) Unwanted False Alarm Subgroup that is actively reviewing ways to reduce the proportion of false alarms.

FRNSW works with customers of protected premises, fire protection industry groups (including Automatic Fire Alarm Service Providers (AFASPs), regulatory authorities and local government to reduce false alarms.

False alarm charges are fines intended to encourage Automatic Fire Alarm Service Providers (AFASPs) and their Customers to maintain fire alarm systems efficiently and effectively. Properly maintained fire alarms ensure the safety of Protected Premises occupiers and property, and reduce the likelihood of further false alarms requiring FRNSW attendance.

FRNSW has the legislative entitlement under the *Fire Brigades Act 1989* (sections 42 and 79A) and the Agreement made between FRNSW and the AFASP, to charge AFASPs for each false alarm received by FRNSW from AFASP-monitored AFA networks. A Chargeable AFA False Alarm is an AFA false alarm which, in the opinion of FRNSW, can be attributed to any action or inaction of the Customer or other party to maintain the AFA and where the activation of that AFA could have reasonably been prevented. An AFASP has the right to apply an administration or other surcharge to the AFA false alarm amount charged by FRNSW. An AFASP must fully disclose administration or other surcharges on Customer invoices.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 the false alarm charges will increase to \$1250. The intention of this increase is to reinforce to building owners and managers the seriousness of false alarms on the community, their businesses and the resources of FRNSW.

FRNSW applies two leniencies to AFA false alarm charges. These leniencies provide the AFASP and/or the Customer with the opportunity to have the alarm problem rectified whilst reducing the risk of incurring false alarm charges.

FRNSW applies a 60 day leniency period in which the first in a series of AFA false alarms from the same AFA number is not charged. Therefore the second and subsequent AFA false alarms that occur within any 60 day period after the first in the series are charged. FRNSW applies a 24 hour leniency period in which repeat false alarms from the same AFA number are not charged. Therefore multiple false alarms that occur within any 24 hour period are considered to be one event. AFASP-caused AFA false alarms are not subject to leniencies.

**Note:** FRNSW officers attending incidents do not have authority to waive AFA false alarm charges.

Examples of chargeable false alarms includes but are not limited to Malicious false alarm - includes activation of Break Glass Alarm or Manual Control Point. Cooking fumes - includes toast, foodstuffs. Heat detector operated - no fire - includes heat from oven, dryer, heater, hair straightener. Alarm activation due to steam - includes shower, bath, sauna, kettle, steam room. Alarm activation due to aerosol use - includes hair spray, insecticides. Incorrect operation or service by servicing company personnel. Alarm activation due to worker or occupier activities. Alarm activation due to poor building maintenance - includes dust, cobwebs, damage, insects.

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Kenneth Murphy, Area Commander Regional South on (02) 6284 2150 or [kenneth.murphy@fire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kenneth.murphy@fire.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



**Chief Superintendent Kenneth Murphy  
Area Commander Regional South  
Regional Operations**