

**No. 9 (CITY OF WANGANUI) SQUADRON ATC  
REPORT ON WEEKEND EXERCISE**

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OPERATION "Ice Cube"

A weekend exercise for the NCO's of the squadron was planned for 23-24 June 2007. We monitored the weather during the week and the forecast on Thursday / Friday predicted for the weekend; gale force to high winds, lower of the freezing temperature and high wind chill factor. Flying Officer Frericks and I had a discussion on Friday lunchtime and decided to postpone the exercise.

The cadets were phoned on Friday night and advised of the cancellation.

On checking the weather forecast again on Saturday morning and the Turoa webcams we made the correct decision as the road was closed from the 9km barrier and blizzard and very little visibility were the weather on the mountain.

LOCATION

The exercise was to be held in Tongariro National Park. We had four options planned and as the week progressed this reduced to one and eventually postponement.

PERSONNEL

Nominal role of those who were going to partake in the exercise is as follows;

SQNLDR C Quirk	FSgt (W) N Gregory	Cpl A Bell
FGOFF B Frericks	FSgt A Hatcher	Cpl (W) T Hay
PLTOFF J Smith	Sgt (W) E Homes	Cpl A Shield
Miss T Smith	Sgt B Sandlant	Cpl (W) J Ward

TRANSPORT

A Cadet Forces van was to be driven by FGOFF Frericks and I was going to take my vehicle for the overflow. Of cadest and equipment.

EQUIPMENT

Cadets provided their own equipment, with a cadets clothing and equipment check being completed on the Thursday night.

GENERAL

We will endeavour to re-programme this exercise for Term 3 and a new NZCF 11, RAMS and training programme will be submitted to Ohakea prior to the exercise.

C H QUIRK  
Squadron Leader, NZCF  
UNIT COMMANDER

26 June 2007