

HUTT CITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM - NZRT18



Who or what is Hutt City Emergency Response Team?

- We are a team of trained volunteers who can be quickly activated in response to any number of situations.
- We are a team of 24 responders.
- All are CAT 1R trained as a minimum qualification.
- We are one of a number of nationally registered response teams in NZ. We carry the registration number NZRT-18.

Why does NZRT-18 Exist?

- We live in a region and country that is riddled with active fault lines



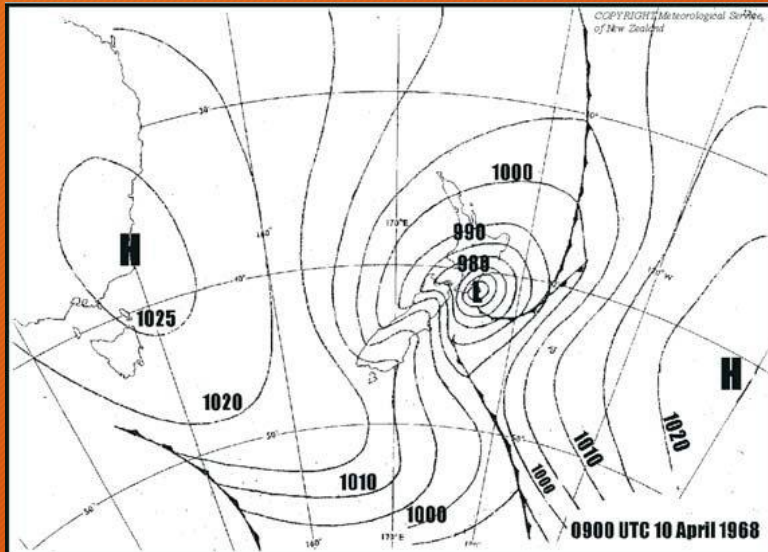
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- We live on the most densely populated flood plain in the country.



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- We live in an area which experiences damaging storms from the tropics and Antarctica



Why does NZRT-18 exist?

- Assist other Emergency Services.
- Fires.
- Search and Rescue.



Why does NZRT-18 Exist?

- Terrorist Attack or Civil Unrest.



Why does NZRT-18 Exist?

- Dear I say it?
- PANDEMICS



Why Does NZRT-18 Exist - Summary

- We provide a team of trained personnel who can be quickly activated in response to any number of situations.
- We tick HCC commitment to the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002 - form part of the Civil Defence Management Group.
- We provide surge personnel to assist other local authorities or emergency services in times of need.
- Assist getting our communities ready for the worst day of their life.
- Earthquake, Storms, Floods, Pandemic, Fires, Civil Disorder and Terrorist Attack.
- Question: Post a large earthquake in the Wellington region where do you think all the rescue resources are going?

History

- Back in the early 1970's the then Lower Hutt City Council recognised the need to have a trained response team to deal with emergencies arising out of natural disasters, storm response or any other civil emergency.
- The team existed until the end of the 1970's but sadly around this time it ceased operations.
- In 2003 the Emergency Operations Section of the new Hutt City Council (HCC) sought to stand a response team up again. They made submission to council who agreed to support the team with manpower, training time, basic equipment and an annual funding grant.
- After it had been operating for a short period of time membership was opened to the general public.
- In 2017 we came out from direct governance of the HCC to become a charitable trust.

Team Specialist

- Light Rescue - USAR
- Rope Rescue Team.
- Medical.
- Swift Water Rescue.
- Rapid Intervention Team.
- IMT - Incident Management Team.
- ISG - Logistics, Communications, Welfare, Intel/Planning.

Who Makes Up The Team

- We are all volunteers.
- Building to a team of 30 - Currently sitting at 24.
- Ages range from 17yrs to almost 60yrs.
- Bring a vast range of skills and experience.
- Besides the responders we are currently building a second tier of responder called Incident Support Group (ISG).
- Behind the scenes we are managed by Trustees.

What is Required from a Responder

- Physically Fit - annual fitness test.
- Pass a Police vetting process - we work with vulnerable people...
- Pass a CAT 1R qualification.
- Pass First Responder Medical Training (same as FENZ).
- Attend weekly trainings.
- Able to work well in a team environment even when its all going down the plug hole - ridiculous optimists.
- Be prepared to run the opposite way to everyone else.



Cost to Run the Team

- Conservative estimate to equip and train each responder is \$2,500 per annum.
- Get a annual grant from HCC. Also assist with on going replacement of protective equipment.
- We are committed to equipping our responders with the best equipment to get the job done.
- We are committed to supplying on going and the latest training (best practice).
- Vehicles and base = \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

The Future

- Build Team numbers.
- Complete the build at our base.
- Build and enhance our capability.
- Assist in establishing new RT's in the lower North Island.
- Be part of the establishment of a new regional and national operating framework.

How Can You Help?

- We are skilled responders - we are NOT skilled administrators.
- Diversity.
- Sponsorship/partnerships.
- Media/PR.
- Charitable Trust.