



19 August 2024

Reference: OIA-2024/25-0106

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request relating to Requests to FENZ and NZ Police for assistance

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 31 July 2024. You requested:

I would like to find out the following-

[Part 1:] In the previous 5 years, how many times has NEMA made a request for FENZ to respond/stand up a team in a High angle rope rescue situation, and when were these requests made, and in what area was the response

[Part 2:] In the previous 5 years, how many times has NEMA made a request for FENZ to respond/stand up a team in a water rescue situation, and when were these requests made, and in what area was the response

For ease of reference, I have numbered the parts of your request.

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) was established on 1 December 2019. I have interpreted your request to cover the period from establishment to 31 July 2024.

NEMA has not made any such requests as referred to in Parts 1 and 2. NEMA does not perform the role referred to in Part 1 and 2. Depending upon the circumstances, technical rescues such as rope or swift water would be tasked by either Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) or the New Zealand Police as part of a rescue operation. Here are their website links:

<https://fireandemergency.nz>

<https://www.police.govt.nz>

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

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National Emergency Management Agency