

# Media release

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## Aviation fire rescue training hots up at Sydney Airport

Airservices Australia will be conducting aviation rescue and fire fighting training at Sydney Airport from today until 18 May.

The training will see a group of 12 experienced fire fighters put through a series of aviation training scenarios during which they will build on their highly specialised skills in aviation fire fighting and rescue procedures.

At the completion of the training they will be awarded a Certificate IV in Firefighting Supervision.

The group will use practical training aids available at Airservices Sydney fire station including a mock-up aircraft fuselage and smoke house.

Airservices spokesman Rob Walker said the training would involve the creation of large amounts of flame and smoke as the recruits practise their fire fighting skills.

“Airport users and the public should not be alarmed by smoke, fire or an unusually high number of emergency vehicle movements at the airport during this time,” Mr Walker said.

“Our fire fighters are there to protect the public in the unlikely event things go wrong at major airports. They respond to a host of different incidents every day ranging from medical emergencies to building fire alarms and aircraft emergencies.”

Airservices has one of the largest and most professional aviation rescue and fire fighting services in the world, with more than 740 fire fighters.

On average, Airservices fire fighters are called out around 150 times a week across Australia’s regional, domestic and international airports. In the past two years they have saved more than 20 lives.

The service also operates the largest fire fighting vehicles in Australia – high visibility Mk8 ultra-large fire vehicles which can discharge almost 9000 litres of water within two minutes of arrival at an emergency.

Training exercises will take place between 8:30am and 4pm most days within the the fire training ground located near Gate 16.

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**Images of Airservices hot fire training are available for download at <http://newsroom.airservicesaustralia.com> (registration required).**