

SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE OVERSEAS TRAVEL OUTCOME REPORT

DEPARTURE DATE	RETURN DATE
17/6/16	20/6/16

DESTINATION (COUNTRIES)

New Zealand

SUBJECT: STAR Operations Section – Swiftwater Rescue Course

BACKGROUND:

STAR Operations Section has responsibility for maintaining a State wide rescue capability in the Swift water (fast flowing) environment. Historically STAR has responded to several Swift water incidents involving rescues from fast flowing water.

In support of maintaining this capability 2 members of STAR Operations Section attended a Swift Water Technician Course held at Vector Wero white water facility in Auckland, New Zealand between 17th June and 20th June, 2016.

RELEVANT POINTS:

All costs exclusive of airfares were borne by the State Emergency Service.

- The course was based at the Vector Wero, white water facility in Auckland, New Zealand working in partnership with the State Emergency Service.
- This facility was chosen as it best simulated swift water scenarios where sufficient water flow could replicate genuine swift water conditions. No other such facility exists in Australia hence the need to travel to this facility ensuring participants received the highest level of training available.
- Assessment included participation and performance in swift water exercises, a written exam and a competency based scenario exercise.
- Both participants attained qualification, as a Rescue 3 Swiftwater Rescue Technicians, recognised throughout North America, parts of Europe and the Asia Pacific region.