

Upper Hutt Community Rescue (UHCR)

Phone 021 468 427

Who we are

- Only private, non-profit and fully independent registered response team in New Zealand – designated New Zealand Response Team 9 (NZ-RT9).
- Deployable within 30 minutes of notification of an urban search and rescue incident, declared civil defence or other emergency situation.
- 30+ volunteers are trained in first aid, civil defence, storm and flood response, technical rescue, casualty management,



communications, hazard identification and management, and community relations – a majority hold the national standard of USAR Category 1 Responder (USAR Cat 1R Orange Card).

Who to contact

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Use us for:



- Civil defence rescue and support
- Backing up other emergency services
- First aid and mass casualty incidents (MCI)
- Missing persons
- Logisitics and communitions
- Storm and flood response
- Swiftwater rescue
- Low-angle rope rescue
- 4WD and off-road ATV search and rescues
- Community liaison
- Body recovery

Equipment

UHCR maintains a large store of first aid and rescue equipment.

Generalist equipment

- light general rescue cache including hand and power tools
- welfare support and catering stores fully self-sufficient for up to 72 hours
- advanced first aid and casualty clearing point facilities
- storm response equipment chainsaws, ladders, tarpaulins
- height safety equipment
- power generation and lighting
- heavy duty gazebos and tentage
- handheld UHF, VHF and trunk radio communications







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Specialist equipment

- a portable water purification system capable of producing 10,000 litres of potable drinking water per 24 hours
- pre-hospital care services to level 3 on the New Zealand Resuscitation Council Guidelines
- casualty transportation ability 4x4 vehicle capability
- casualty transportation ability specialist quad bike teams
- radio communications capable of liaison with civil defence and other local authorities, and trunk radio giving us the ability to talk to other fleetlink users nationwide
- whitewater eight-person river raft
- triage facility
- mobile communications facility multiple radio communications, set up for police radio, with security camera, networked computers, and large screen video display
- mobile satelllite internet (IPStar) currently under development

Vehicle fleet

- 2 x Mitsubishi L300 4x4 vans (capable of patient transport)
- 1 x Mitsubishi Challenger 4x4
- 1 x Ford Courier 4x4
- 1 x mobile emergency operations centre caravan
- 2 x 4x4 quad bikes with custom-made sulkies for stretcher transportation
- 1 x galvanised tandem axel flat-deck trailer (for two quads and sulkies)
- 1 x tandem axle trailer (for flood and storm response)
- 1 x single axle heavy trailer
- 2 x box shuttle trailers.
- all vehicles set up as emergency response vehicles

