



Circular 108:19

Date: Thursday 19th December 2019

Subject: Mobile Data Terminal Update

Attention: All Members, Club Lifesaving Officers, Training Officers

Action: Key information for over the xmas break.

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Since the 2018/2019 season, SLSNR and St John have been working together to improve the way in which SLSNR respond to 111 ambulance incidents that occur on our beaches and in the water. SurfCom can now be promptly notified of emergency ambulance incidents directly from the St John coms centre via a Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) tablet. The MDT is situated on the SurfCom desk. Once an incident is received by the MTD from St John, SurfCom then relays appropriate incidents to the nearest Surf Club.

There is no obligation for Lifeguards to respond to these incidents and all responses are at the discretion of the patrol captain. In exceptional circumstances, Lifeguards may be informed of incidents that require them to leave the immediate beach area.

1. What incidents will SLSNR clubs be advised of?

SLSNR Surf Clubs will be advised of all emergency ambulance incidents that occurs on the beach, sand dunes, in the beach carpark or any incident requiring water access.

SLSNR Surf Clubs will also be advised of Cardiac Arrests that occur within approx. 1km of any Surf Club. The expectation is that lifeguards respond with a defibrillator to incidents occurring off the beach. Please check all defibs are in date and working order.

2. What are the qualifications and requirements required for a lifeguard to respond to an incident?

At the discretion of the patrol captain, any Lifeguard can respond to an incident that is occurring on or in the immediate vicinity of the beach during patrol.

Lifeguards responding to a cardiac arrest occurring off the beach must be First Aid Level 1 qualified, over 18 years of age. Lifeguards should respond as pairs (as a minimum).

Lifeguards responding to any other incident off the beach must be First Aid Level 3 qualified, over 18 years of age. Lifeguards should respond as pairs (as a minimum).



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3. What incidents will Surf Clubs not be advised of?

SLSNR Surf Clubs will not be advised of cardiac arrests that have occurred because of a hanging or trauma. This is to reduce member exposure to significant trauma and because these types of cardiac arrests are unlikely to be saved with a defibrillator.

4. What happens after patrol hours?

After patrol hours when SurfCom is not on, Coast Guard answers the SurfCom radio and phone. When an incident is received on the MDT afterhours, the priority is to dispatch Emergency Call out Squads to incidents occurring in the water and incidents that require difficult access on the beach.

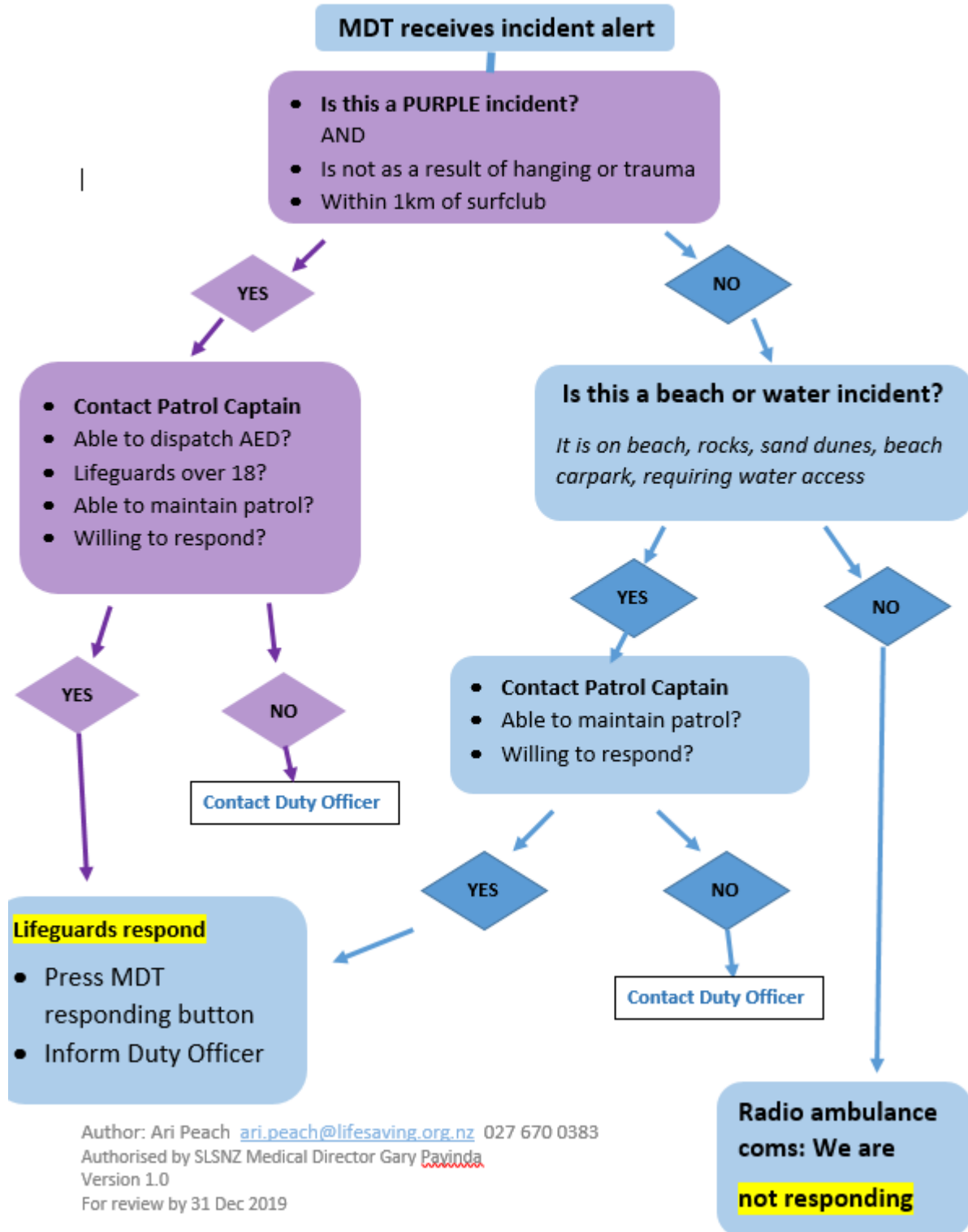
5. How do SurfCom decided what incidents will be relayed to our Surf Club?

Please see response flow chart on the next page



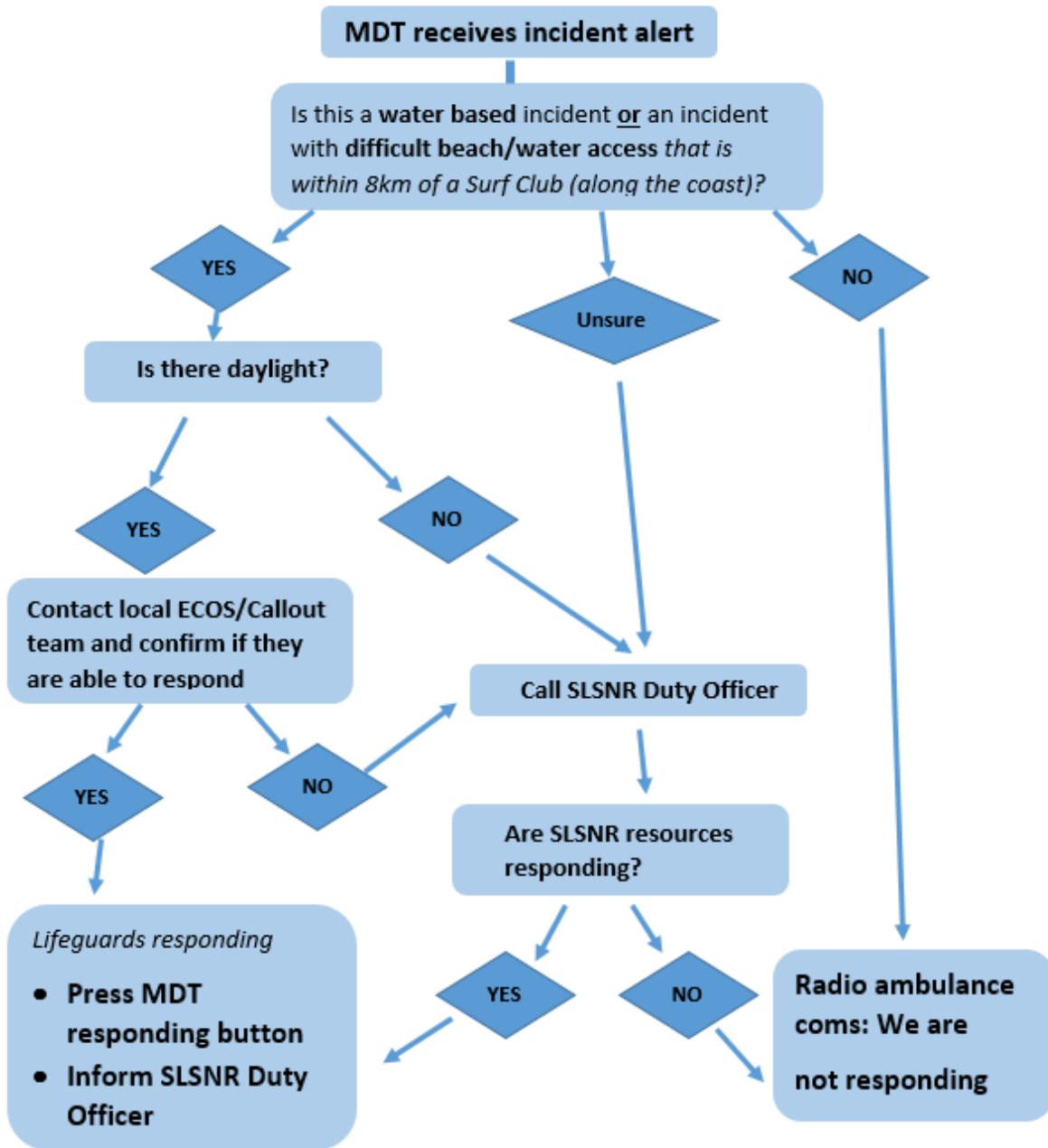
How SurfCom informs SLSNR Surf Clubs of incidents received by the MDT

During SurfCom Hours – SurfCom use only





For Coastguard/After Hours use



This is the only pathway that Coastguard Duty Officers are authorised to use

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