

Day 1: Theory

Fire Terminology
Fire Behaviour, Weather and Topography
Patrolling and Fire Detection
Fire Suppression Techniques
Command, Communication and Discipline
Safety Rules
Fire Reporting

Days 2 and 3: Field Exercises

Tool Use and Safety
Crew Organization
Fireline Construction Techniques
Direct and Indirect Attack
Mop Up Techniques
Using Pumps and Hose
Practice Fire
Tool Maintenance

Table 2. Basic training programme used in East Kalimantan province in 1998.

The two programmes contain both theory and practical elements but differ somewhat in content and duration. There is a need to harmonize curricula through a national firefighting programme that includes components on first aid and the need for discipline when firefighting.

The setting up of an effective fire control organization will take considerable time, funds and effort - but if it is not done, satellites and computers are pointless.



Plate 4 Fire crew training in South Sumatra province, August 1998.