

**Internal Newsbrief for Distribution to BFBS, Internal Messaging on Intranet and Station Commanders for Dissemination**

**POWER OUTAGES IN SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS**

**Friday 29th July 2011**

**Issue**

As the temperatures in Cyprus look set to rise over the next few days the Electricity Authority of Cyprus has advised that there may be additional outages.

**Key messages**

- Additional outages from 29 July 2011
- EAC Text Service
- SWAP
- Do not use lifts when out and about
- BFBS radio will broadcast key information
- Information will be placed on the [www.sba.mod.uk](http://www.sba.mod.uk) website

**Electricity Authority of Cyprus**

Due to increased temperatures and humidity expected over the next few days EAC have advised that it is anticipated that there will be additional power cut offs.

The indicative programme for outages over the next few days is as follows (there are some minor changes to the times provided yesterday):

Location	Group	Time of Commencement of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Outage	Maximum duration of Outage	Time of Commencement of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Outage	Maximum Duration of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Outage
WSBA	1	08:30-09:00	2 Hours and 30 minutes	15:00-15:30	45 minutes
Dhekelia	1	08:30-09:00	2 Hours and 30 minutes	15:00-15:30	45 minutes
Ayios Nikolaos	2	09:00-09:30	2 Hours and 30 minutes	15:30-16:00	45 minutes
Troodos	7	11:00-11:30	2 Hours and 30 minutes	17:00-17:30	45 minutes
Mt Olympus	1	08:30-09:00	2 Hours and 30 minutes	15:00-15:30	45 minutes

Although EAC will do its best to adhere to the above timetable, there may be changes due to unforeseen circumstances.

**EAC Text Service**

If you text **on EAC 1** to 8011 you will receive a text from the EAC giving you a 5 minute warning before the power is to be cut in your area. If you want to turn the text alerts off then simply text **off EAC 1**.

Ay Nik personnel should text **on EAC 2** and **off EAC 2**.

**SWAP**

Over the coming days and weeks CBF is sponsoring the Save Water and Power Campaign (SWAP). The campaign is focused on raising awareness of the importance of saving power both in the home and in the office. Information and practical guidance on energy saving measures will be issued through a variety of channels including BFBS, CFL Magazine and the distribution of posters and leaflets across BFC and the SBAs.

## **Lifts**

As a reminder when out and about **do not** use lifts. Not all areas of Cyprus are using standby power and should you be in a lift and the power were to go off you **may** end up being there a long time.

## **Security**

The SBA Police and CJPU will continue to conduct high visibility patrols during powercuts and in vulnerable areas in support of Station Security efforts.

## **Food Safety**

A food hygiene information leaflet has been produced by the Joint Services Health Unit. Please refer to this advice and contact the Unit direct if you have any questions or concerns.

## **Water**

All areas of British Forces Cyprus are urged to commence water conservation. The pumping of the water from the various sources requires electricity. Stations and Households should consider practical arrangements for conserving water. Some practical suggestions are – do not flush the toilet as often – do not let the tap run when brushing teeth – do not use hose pipes.

## **SCE Schools**

The return to school date for all Cyprus SCE pupils is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

## **Ermes Stores**

All Ermes Max and Express stores are now open. All stores have generators which will be utilised during power outages so customers should not experience any break in service.

## **Combined Messing**

Combined Messing will remain in place until further notice. The feeding situation continues to be reviewed on a day by day basis. Station Commanders will be informed of any change which may affect the feeding pattern on their respective stations before implementation.

## **Welfare Issues**

If any welfare issues arise, personnel are advised to contact their Welfare Officer in the first instance.

## **Fire alarm systems in buildings and family housing**

Buildings, where required, are provided with electrically powered fire alarm systems, the systems are also provisioned with integral battery backup which is designed to operate the alarm systems for up to 24hrs on mains failure. If the mains power trips a system will automatically switch to its battery supply. Fault lights and an audible warning sound will be indicated on the fire panel to indicate mains failure.

Building Managers / Building Responsible Persons are to ensure they are extra vigilant and pay additional notice in carrying out their required visual checks of fire alarm systems, particularly during the current power supply outages. The BFC Fire Stations listed above can assist Building Managers in silencing warning alarms to help prevent nuisance.

BFC housing are all provided with mains powered fire detectors. The detectors are also fitted with an individual emergency power supply which will power the detector for 72 hours. The detector will emit an intermittent warning tone when the battery reserve supply runs low. Occupants who hear a low battery warning tone are to report the fact through the Help Desk on 2596 2477.

## **Domestic lighting during periods of interrupted power supply.**

During the current period of interrupted power supply, which has affected the electrical supply to the Island, the following advice is issued from DFRMO with regard to lighting and illumination.

The preferred and safest method of providing illumination is by the use of torches or other methods without naked flame.

If at all possible the use of candles and naked flame to provide illumination is to be avoided.

If the use of candles etc cannot be avoided then great care and vigilance is to be taken particularly if children may be in close proximity.

If there any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact your local fire station:

Episkopi: 2596 3211

Akrotiri: 2527 6318

Troodos: 2596 7069

Dhekelia: 2474 4656

Ayios Nicolaos: 2474 7673