



2020 AMH Rally of The Bay - Car 39 Incident

Through the post-event competitor survey conducted by Rally NSW, we have received several comments regarding the accident involving car 39 on SS5, Run to Mogo, and to the event's handling of this situation. Some responses were heavily critical of elements of the response and included suggestions, while well intentioned, indicated the competitor was unaware of the full circumstances of the response.

As an organising committee, our team would like to share details of the incident response to our competitors, whose trust we carry when running these events.

As part of our planning for Rally of The Bay, 2 MIV teams were contracted and a plan was developed to ensure these teams were located as close as possible to the "live" stages throughout the day. At the time of the incident, one MIV was located at the start of SS5 (to provide coverage to the first part of the stage - Runnyford Rd), and the 2nd located at Nelligen to provide coverage to the 2nd part of SS5, also leaving them well positioned to cover SS6 & 7.

Once the incident was reported through RallySafe, the MIV stationed at Nelligen was dispatched, entering the stage mid-way. Following protocol, the dispatched MIV waited at the entry point until it was deemed safe to proceed onto the "live stage".

According to RallySafe data, the MIV arrived at the scene 23 minutes after the incident. During this time there was communication between The Event Team and the codriver of the first car to arrive on-scene.

The decisions to dispatch the 2nd MIV, arrange Ambulance transfer were made within 1 minute of the 1st FIV arriving at the scene. 4 minutes later the call was answered taken by General Ambulance Illawarra who dispatched the Ambulance crew.

Rally HQ maintained contact with the attending Ambulance crew, providing directions to reach the scene via the quickest and most direct path. The ambulance arrived at the scene 49 minutes after Rally HQ received confirmation they had been dispatched.

In the week following AMH Rally of The Bay, our team debriefed all aspects of the event including our response to the incident in question. We're satisfied that in planning the event all required procedures were followed, however this doesn't mean aspects can't be improved upon.

Several competitors suggested in their survey responses that the event should have a dedicated Ambulance on site. While this isn't normal practice for a State level rally, we are happy to consider it for future events. Rally NSW have provided assurance they will survey competitors on whether they would prefer this to become common-place in state-level events, taking into consideration the associated cost (around \$150/car).

We wish to again thank our competitors for contributing to what was a very successful event and I welcome any further feedback you wish to provide (details below).

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Caves Classic rally in just a few weeks.

Regards, Nigel.

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