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CAFS technology has the edge on fire fighting

Improved speed of knock-down has been recorded by UK and American fire fighters using Hale Compressed Air Foam Systems (CAFS) to tackle fires started by various accelerants.

The latest advance in the world of foam generating systems, CAFS use high-volume compressed air, typically from rotary air compressors, to provide air injection into a foam solution stream inside fire pump discharge piping.

The advantage of using CAFS is that they produce a high-quality finished foam product that knocks-down flame and cools fuel or burning material faster than nozzle aspirated Class A foam systems.

CAFS can also be used to generate Class B foam blankets for use on flammable liquids.

Available in Australia through GAAM, Ian Price, Business Manager GAAM Emergency Products, says "most fire vehicles can be fitted with CAFS with modification and GAAM will be expanding its CAFS offering this year".

Evidence shows that CAFS can attack a fire from multiple angles – from blanketing the fuel and removing its oxygen source, to sticking to ceilings and walls, and hiding fuel.

In addition, CAFS provides improved water efficiency, which means less property damage and water run-off, and is vital if the water source is limited or remote.

Fire investigation activities are not affected by CAFS, with canine detectors able to identify the accelerant in three UK test cases, Fire investigation Officers were able to recover the evidence.

This state-of-the-art technology can be customised for different requirements and is incorporated in a variety of pumps. In the UK up to 25 per cent of brigades now use Hale CAFS.

GAAM is the sole distributor for Hale in Australia and provides full training and education to ensure all CAFS users get the most out of this fire fighting technology.

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About GAAM Emergency Products

GAAM Emergency Products is part of Tyco Fire & Security Australia/New Zealand, a division of Tyco International's Fire & Security Division. GAAM specialises in the emergency services market. Since 1933, Australian firefighters have relied on GAAM equipment to safely go about their daily operations. GAAM manufactures and distributes a range of petrol and diesel powered firefighting pumpsets and accessories. While based in Melbourne, GAAM also has offices in Sydney, and conducts business throughout Australia and New Zealand.

About Hale Products Europe

Hale Products Europe is widely recognized as a leading supplier of front line fire fighting equipment, their product range is focused on the Godiva brand of vehicle mounted, trailer mounted and portable pumps. Hale is also a leading supplier of compressed air foam equipment and positive pressure ventilation fans. They have a long established track record for supplying fire and rescue services in the UK and worldwide. Hale Products Europe are a business unit of the Fire Suppression Group of companies, a part of the global Idex corporation.