



Job with a harbour view

Officers in training with the Customs National Enforcement Training Centre in Sydney took a plunge off a 25m building in White Bay as one of the practical exercises in a technical heights management course.

Flying high: Officers in training.

Picture: Nathan Phillipps

Enforcement officers, specifically the Technical Support Groups from the NSW, Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia regions, underwent the training to assist them with deploying special equipment.

Trainers Nathan Phillipps and Dave Cameron also put the group through a variety of rescue scenarios at differing heights. "The group had a healthy respect for heights," Nathan said. "We taught them how to work effectively and carry out rescue operations in difficult situations at height."

WA Enforcement officer Tony Di Vincenzo said the training was "the best course completed in Customs". Fellow WA officer Michael Jez said it was "hard at first but enjoyable the more it went on".

The National Enforcement Training Centre provides training in a range of search activities undertaken by Customs officers. Besides the search courses, the centre develops and delivers courses for partner agencies such as maritime and aviation environment awareness for detector dog units and a quarantine bulk ship inspection course.