



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**OCTOBER 28 2009**

## ITEMS PENDING

1	Shire of Mundaring Bush Fire Brigade Local Law	<b>BY WHOM</b> Adrian Dyson	<b>TIME FRAME</b> November 2009
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*Draft Local Law sent to all Brigades via email. Draft to come back to BFAC for comment.*

2	Shire of Mundaring Operational Procedures	<b>BY WHOM</b> Adrian Dyson	<b>TIME FRAME</b> November 2009
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*Draft of the Operational Procedures will come back to BFAC in due course.*

3	Firefighters ID Cards	<b>BY WHOM</b> Adrian Dyson	<b>TIME FRAME</b> November 2009
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*Mr Dyson is still awaiting response from letter sent to Mr Merv Austic. Mr Daw said that he believes it would be unlikely that FESA will support the Firefighters ID Card due to the time and cost involved in producing such a card.*

*A discussion was held on the exact purpose of the card and it was decided that this item could be discussed at the next Captains and FCO's meeting.*

*Mr Luzi said that a decision needed to be made as the issue has now been a longstanding one.*

## **CORPORATE DISCUSSION**

### **Paul Musarra**

- ❑ *Said that DEC has started the fire roster for the 09/10 fire season. DEC have burnt 32,000 hectares to date due to the recent good weather conditions. A hazard reduction burn will be carried out in John Forrest National Park soon depending on conditions.*

### **Colin James**

- ❑ *Advised that LEMC will hold a "What If" exercise on November 19 2009 between 9am and 12 noon. The exercise will involve a truck accident and the subsequent problems that may occur.*

### **Allan Daw**

- ❑ *Said that input had been received for next years training program. The issues with BA training will be discussed at the meeting where the program is set. The BA priority issue will also be fixed. Structural Fire Fighting to be delivered in house at Mundaring Fire School as well as Advanced Fire Fighters.*

*Said that the annual exercise recently conducted in Kalamunda was generally successful however, some IT issues were uncovered which need to be resolved.*

*Raised the possibility of adjoining CBFCO's from Kalamunda and Swan to be gazetted by the Shire of Mundaring.*

*Rod Eyre said that any decision on adjoining CBFCO's would be between FESA, the relevant adjoining Shires and CBFCO's. Mr Daw to liaise with Mr Dyson.*

### **Rod Eyre**

- ❑ *Reminded the meeting of the 67/2009 SOP dated 24 September 2009 by Mr Craig Hynes regarding new bush fire strategies.*

### **David King**

- ❑ *Raised Parkerville's concerns about BA training.*

*A discussion was held about the issue of prerequisites for the BA courses as Mt Helena and Parkerville are having trouble getting members on BA training courses. Ms Sue Smith said that there is a lack of resources provided by FESA, Mr John Duff said that there did appear to be an organisation deficiency.*

*Mr James said this was a serious issue and should go through DOAC. Mr Daw said that he will take the issue to DOAC.*

## **Allan Daw**

- ❑ *Requested brigades ensure that nominations for the higher level incident management training be made only for appropriate people.*

## **John Duff**

- ❑ *Apologised for the Structural Course cancellations due to the lack of trainers. At the recent BTO meeting there was a lack of input for the 2010 training requirements. Mr Duff issued 2008 Sector Commanders certificates.*

*Ms Smith asked if there would be competency recognition between the FESA and MFS Sector Commander Course. Mr Daw said that that there is much to consider including the content of the two courses.*

## **Tim Shaw**

- ❑ *Advised that during a recent hazard reduction burn, a Stoneville member was threatened by a local resident. Mr Dyson asked for the witness statement to be submitted to the Shire for recording. Mr Eyre reminded all Brigades that any issues with any sort of possible legal implications the Chief and or Deputy Chief must be notified immediately.*

## **Keith Woodley**

- ❑ *Told the meeting that Sawyers Valley had recently attended a Synergy Pole Fire where a possum had been electrocuted causing approximately \$10,000 damage.*

*A discussion was held about power poles infrastructure and fires. Mr Eyre advised that the program by Synergy to upgrade to ABC should be positive but there have been technical difficulties with the insulation of high voltage. This has been referred to Synergy by Mr Eyre through the BFFCC.*

*Asked what impact the new legislation would have on things like the 09/10 Fire and Burning Information Booklet and permits.*

*Mr Allan Daw advised that FESA have indicated that they will pay for changes to Fire Board Signs and that there will be a media release amending advise in the 09/10 Fire and Burning Information Booklet.*

*Rod Eyre advised that any action is conjecture only as the new legislation had gone through the lower house but was yet to go through the upper house of Parliament.*

## **Nigel Morgan**

- ❑ *Advised that John and Wendy's Auto Repairs in Mundaring will be available 24/7 for repairs to FESA vehicles during the upcoming fire season. A list of services will be distributed. Mr Geoff Archer will be the contact for repairs to Shire vehicles. A list of services will be distributed via email. The new trailer will also be readily available with spare tyres.*

## **Sue Smith**

- *Thanked the Shire and all involved in the recent, successful Recruitment Drive. Also thanked FESA for all their help as the Recruitment Drive was also Fire Awareness Day.*

## **Keith Woodley**

- *Thanked the Shire for the recent FCO Dinner.*

## **Rod Eyre**

- *On behalf of Craig Garrett thanked all Captains and FCO's for their support at the recent hazard reduction burns carried out so far. Thank you to Mt Helena and Chidlow for the Bunning Road house fire. Reminded the meeting of the upcoming media launch (October 30 2009) and the Pre-Fire Season brief (November 7 2009). Congratulated Councillors Johnson and James on their appointment to BFAC.*

*Thanked all for their support whilst Acting Chief, with a special thanks to Nigel Morgan for his assistance.*