

# Dandenong Ranges Group Field Operations Vehicle (FOV)

## Information Sheet

### The Ranges Group FOV

- Assists the incident controller in handling and monitoring communications at the scene;
- Acts as a Control Point, Division Command Point, Sector Command Point, or Staging Area;
- Provides a focal point for other agency Commanders to gather and plan with the Incident Controller;
- Responds promptly via standard turnout activation for Belgrave Brigade. Initial crew responds with vehicle;
- Provides undercover workspace for the OIC e.g. table and chairs, whiteboards, resource tracking boards, etc.



### When to call an FOV

- Large and/or complex incidents such as:
    - Jobs expected to last more than 1 hour;
    - Large structure fires;
    - Hazmat incidents;
    - Wildfires involving more than 5 appliances;
    - Incidents with multiple sectors and/or divisions;
  - Multi-agency incidents;
  - Communications difficulties;
  - Need for special resources e.g. fax machine.
- ... make the call early – don't wait till you actually need the resources.**

### Equipment and facilities include

- 3 CFA mobile radios;
- 2 CFA portable radios;
- 1 MFB portable radio;
- 6-way CFA portable radio battery charger;
- MFB portable radio charger;
- Telephone;
- Fax;
- Data connection for computer;
- Printer / photocopier;
- Bollards and incident tape;
- Weather station;
- AIIMS ICS paperwork;
- PFIT Kit (Laptop, camera, scanner for ground observers);
- Tabards for Sector Commanders, etc;
- 240v generator.

### If the FOV is required for training purposes

- the FOV is available for Brigade and Group training, and other CFA-related activities that require communications facilities or use of a Command Post;
- Contact the Ranges Group Duty Officer on **9752 6948**;
- Please provide a minimum of 2 weeks notice prior to the event so that crews can be arranged.

### If the FOV is required at an incident

- Request VicFire to respond **RANGES GROUP FOV**

