

Community Safety Report

Community Safety Meeting Wednesday 9/2/2011 Mooroolbark D13 HQ

CFA Bushfire Home Advice Service

Report to meeting from Nick Rodway CFA Bushfire Home Advice Service. Free advice to the public, can also be used by brigade members

To date:

Dandenong Ranges

- 56 Enquiries
- 27 Property Inspections
- 8 properties deemed not defendable
- Target 150 property requests

Next year a blitz by CFA HQ team is planned & will target the Warburton & Wonga Park areas.

Meeting supported ensuring brigades are advised well in advance this includes the names of streets in the communities being targeted.

Brigade Community Safety Reps Forum

Meeting decided to continue with the CS reps forum & use the same venue as last time. 1st May at the Foothills Conference Centre Kilysyth.

Brigade Community Safety Reps Position Description

A sample PD was presented to the meeting but was felt in general terms that the scope of the PD was too comprehensive for the requirements of the reps and it would be a negative in its current form. Decided to form a small pilot working group of current reps to seek their feedback

New Residence Packs

Decided to revisit what is being done in new areas, how new residence information is being distributed across the district.

Feedback on Fire Ready Victoria Meetings

Feedback of the recent FRV meetings will be sought in order to ascertain the effectiveness or otherwise, will help in future planning

Home Fire Safety Program

The Home Fire Safety Program was presented to the meeting as a useful program for brigades to deliver. After considerable discussion and concerns that some brigades will be unable to fulfill a request to present this program in their communities it was agreed to pursue the model of FRV delivery. VFBV to take a request to VFBV District 13 Council requesting funding to support a delivery model same as FRV.

Motion to VFBV District 13 Council:

Moved Ferntree Gully

That CFA District 13 apply for adequate funding to employ part time / casual presenters to deliver the broad range of community focused training programs such as, Fire Safe Kids & Home Fire Safety. The employment structure to be managed in a similar way to Fire Ready Victoria.

Volunteers and brigades who wish to be involved, or who are already involved, and

want to continue as a volunteer based delivery model be encouraged to continue and supported to the same level as part time / casual presenters in all community safety programs.

Volunteers be given the opportunity to be become part time / casual presenters if they so desire

The reasons: Volunteers are indicating that their work loads are high enough without adding more tasks and hence delivery of these programs into the community is minimal if relying solely on a volunteer delivery model across the district

The range of quality training programs is comprehensive and should be out into the community and not impeded by presenter unavailability

- The employment structure of Fire Ready Victoria in general terms appears to work well and could be matched into other programs
- The motion does not restrict volunteers to continue or develop more skills set if they so desire
- The motion supports a consistent delivery across the district
- It is in the best interests of the community and the fire service to provide the best advice on fire safety

Background:

- At the D13 Community Safety Work Group meeting on Thursday night the Home Fire Safety material was presented and promoted by CFA community safety personnel, this program was presented as an extremely good package that volunteers could deliver within their communities. Discussion revolved around a very good program but in a lot of cases will not be taken forward within communities due to lack of personnel to deliver from brigades. The effectiveness of the FRV program was discussed with a view of moving the same concept into the delivery of other programs

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