

**VFBV District 13 Meeting**  
**Lilydale Fire Station, Sunday 13 February 2011**

**TRAINING REPORT:**

**Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR) Training Sub-committee**

The EMR Training Sub-committee met on Wednesday 2 February 2011 at D13 HQ Lilydale. Executive Manager Operational Training and Volunteerism (OT&V) Lex de Man was a guest of the meeting. Lex made a presentation regarding the newly formed department within CFA, outlining likely changes to the way training is administered within CFA.

Changes to the structure of CFA training will provide a significant enhancement to the support provided to volunteers by CFA. Lex outlined a new direction for Learning and Development, Field Training Grounds and Facilities along with a new focus on Volunteerism. Through streamlining the consultation and reporting process, it is planned to free up brigades from some of the barriers that have been experienced in the past.

A focus of the new department will be to see brigades take a greater role within Minimum Skills, and to simplify the training system to provide brigades with "just what they need to do the job".

**Assessors Information Night**

District 13 conducted an information night for assessors which was well attended. Minor changes to the process for managing assessment papers are designed to streamline the process for brigades.

The Driver Educators held a separate meeting in December with Richard Cromb as the primary contact. There are 27 driver educators both volunteer and staff. It is planned to hold a training moderation session on 21 February with CFA Driver Educator /Accident Investigator Glenn Jennings attending as a guest.

**Brigade Issues**

Brigades needing assistance or advice with training can contact the training department at District 13, or raise items with their Group Training Committee delegates. VFBV is also available at any time should brigades or individuals wish to discuss items around training or any other area of concern.

Items raised from last meeting:

ISSUE	CURRENT STATUS
Letter to VFBV D13 Council re concerns over staff turnover and instructor shortages	<p>D13 now has full compliment of staff with new Manager Training and Development Virginia Lister, and Lori Penfold taking on the Training Coordinator role.</p> <p>Two new Structural Instructors Don Butler and Simon Hrabe have commenced at D13 replacing vacancies left by Graeme Bourne and Ian Day.</p>
Brigades unable to access SkillsPAKs for some structural competencies	This item has been referred to Learning and Development at CFA HQ. Brigade has been advised
Lack of progress regarding Discussion Papers on First Aid and Driver Training	Lex de Man says these two items have been sitting in the system for too long. He will ensure these two areas are addressed by OT&V for action within four weeks.
Brigade wanting increased level of training for internal fire attack ie compartment firefighting	<p>This item has been noted and will stay on the list for inclusion into future discussions on new training models for brigades.</p> <p>Acting Operations Manager Dave Renkin will follow up with Operations to see what training may become available in the future. In the meantime he has suggested brigades reinforce current information and training on flash-over and backdraught in structure fires through skills maintenance.</p>

Please keep the information and questions coming. We will endeavour to follow these up through VFBV where action at a local level has not been successful for whatever reason.

Next meetings of the D13 Training Sub Committee;

Thursday 12 May 2011

Thursday 11 August 2011

Thursday 10 November 2011

Rod Stebbing

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