

SACADBRG REPORT TO CFSVA AGM

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1. Information Improvement

- Information re SACAD is on the CFS website and is available to volunteers, CFS to check that the information is current and relevant

2. Documented details of SACAD governance groups / reporting arrangements (Burnside meeting issue)

- Flow charted information to come, showing linkage and responsibilities between SAFECOM Agencies and Attorney Generals Dept.
- Reporting mechanism for this BRG group to have matters raised at the highest level in the governance arrangement for SACAD, not just within the CFS / SAFECOM

3. Justice Internal Audit

- Still no information on the implementation of recommendations made by the Justice Dept Internal audit of AF operations, particularly any matters that should be considered as part of the SLA.

4. Inter Cad - implementation update

- testing of interoperability between Agencies nearly complete
- was scheduled to be in place by 3rd or 4th week in September 2013, but is slipping due to interagency system administrators not being able to dial in to rectify any problems
- AF operator training started, to be completed by 11 Sept.
- Caller line information to come with incident notification, which will enable AF to follow up with caller if necessary (not been available to date)

5. SACAD Business Rules and guidelines

- New Rules and Guidelines issued, to get " draft" removed and redistribute and place updated copy on CFS website.

6. SLA update / implementation

- Some minor progress on this matter, draft SLA now with MFS, so after some 7 years, still not much closer to resolution.

7. Alerts, use of by AF

- Still being discussed in DCO forum, no updated agreement

8. Regional Talk groups, use by MFS

- MFS implemented a state wide talk group GRN 150 from 8 September for their SACAD response purposes

9. SACAD Risk Register

- Still no updated copy available, despite much work being done in mid 2012 to update same by the BRG and ROPO's

10. State Air Desk - update

- Some progress made, should be operational by this coming bushfire season!

11. SACAD Resourcing - linked to SACAD forward work plan to come. Where are we at with Issue forms?

- No outstanding issue forms at the moment
- Rockleigh mapping has taken some time , with impacts on 35 brigades, still to complete.
- tidying up rescue response plans, there were some anomalies in them.
- customising RCR and Hazmat responses for R6
- reduction in admin support for SACAD, less than 3 days per week
- new tool developed for "pin drop" for 20 nearest brigades
- Resources, currently, Bo Gacic pat time, as he is funded by MFS, Gray Bau, Phil Mc Donough and Neil (mapping), along with Sophia Chumak for 1 day per week.
- tweaking occurring in customisation, as brigades become more aware of what can be provided through SACAD.
- making some global changes, where customisation is sought, as this is quicker than individual customisation, where a change can be globalised.
- SACAD version 9.3 upgrade has started, planned for mid to late 2014 implementation
- ROPO meeting has prepared a SACAD resourcing paper, copy to CFSVA for information.
- Bo Gacic is funded by MFS, other person to support SACAD is Brett Fox, but neither of these are full time employees, still paid as contractors. Between them, they have 7 years of SACAD knowledge, need to get the positions made permanent to ensure there is no loss of intellectual property and funding is ongoing, a huge risk to the project!
- Resourcing of this project is still in a vulnerable position, with little regard seen to be paid to ongoing support for the project.

Recommendation ; *That this meeting endorsed an approach to the Minister of Emergency Services by the CFSVA Executive Officer to raise the issue of satisfactory staffing and ongoing support for the CFS SACAD.*

12. Burn Off Advice

- No progress made on this topic although a paper has been prepared for implementing a Permit Information Management System (PIMS), and the DCO's are pushing for funding, initially to get the system up and running, then to link it to SACAD, will allow Authorised Officers to enter all permits electronically and be available on line
- additional work on training AF operators on questioning techniques to try and better identify when a burn off is occurring, is underway
- CFS to talk with MFS about Authorised Officers contacting AF to advise on permits be issued, workload issue for AF.

13. SACAD Incident types

- Tree fires, rubbish and waste on TFB days have been adjusted
- Changes made to tree down, seems to be working better

14. CFSVA questions re ESTA visit

- These were a series of questions prepared for a visit to ESTA, the SACAD operator in Victoria for a visit in July 2012, but we have never received a response to the questions raised, I think we have to let these go now.

15. SOP 2.1 update

- Draft updated 2.1 tabled, agreed that new format looks good, some issues raised, vehicle fires, B class now 3 appliances up from 2, why?, tree fires TFB, response level?, additional BWC at 3rd alarm TFB, to be added?
- Revamped 2.1 to now go to RVMC's for discussion / approval.

16. I'Net Viewer

- ROPO's have prepared a list of functions they see are needed in I'Net Viewer, copy to BRG members to come and finalise same.
- Unlikely that I'Net Viewer will be available before the new 9.3 version of SACAD in mid to late 2014
- I did raise the issue of using the "timer" function in SACAD via I'Net Viewer to monitor shift lengths on the fire ground!

17. Emergency Service Map Books

- Justice Dept still working on, there are no polygon files to load into SACAD, then we can push for 6 figure grid references to be added to pager messages for incident location.

Recommendation; *That this matter be raised with the Minister for Emergency Services by the CFSVA Executive Officer*

18. Multiple Incidents - M Thomason review outcomes

- No copy of paper prepared or recommendations made following multiple lightning strike incidents in the R1 last year has been made available
- Separate Draft multiple Incident paper to be sent to BRG members for consideration

19. Brigade names to front of pager message

- Brigade names in front of pager messages, paper from R5, requires a global change, and support from all RVMC'S - has your RVMC seen the R5 paper?
- The MFS may seek to have their appliance numbers at start of message, so may support this approach.

20. Peri Urban responses issues

- R1 no deplete rule is working
- Some no deplete rules awaiting implementation in SACAD
- Stirling CFS no deplete rule for RCR to be arranged
- Para Group looking to customise some ESZ's. Phil Mc Donough to talk with Anne Letcher at R2

21. I&L link to SACAD with new appliances

- Administrative process seems to be working OK, only one appliance has been missed in changeover.

22. Helicopter landing zones

- Previous agreement between CFS and SES not documented at the time. Since then, SES units have been canvassed and all want to be part of HLZ's.
- It is proposed to establish 2 incident types, one being RCR and the other Medical retrieval

In the case of RCR, where the CFS / SES is already in attendance, AF will make contact with the Incident Controller and establish whether sufficient resources are available to do the HLZ, if not additional nearest most appropriate resources can be responded.

In the case of medical retrievals, the SES would responded initially. Draft Agreement to be circulated to BRG members for comment.

23. AF/CFS liaison person

- Role to be included in MIP paper to come shortly
- Has worked well already for fires around Bundaleer and has made for easier contact with AF by Regions, as they can ring the CFS person direct in AF.

24. Strike teams - discussion paper

- A discussion paper on strike teams had gone out previously to I adopted option 2 .
- All command and logistics vehicles now in SACAD and will be attached to Strike Teams

General

I am concerned that there seems to be a move to bypass the BRG, as many matters are now progressed directly with the ROPO's, who quite properly should have input to all matters, but once the ROPO's have established a position, there seems to be a reluctance to share this with the volunteer representatives on the BRG. This is not the ROPO's doing this, but the processes established by others seems to be the issue.

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