

SAFECOM Board year in review 2013/14

Statement of Strategic Direction for 2008-2014.

The Strategic Direction is a shared vision agreed to by the Chief Officers of each agency, representatives of the

Volunteer associations and government and business leaders, all of whom make up the SAFECOM Board, and charts

The way forward for the sector six years.

Whilst this continue to remain the strategic plan SAFECOM has no capacity to implement this plan due to the severity of funding constraints it has and continues to be un acted at this point in time

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT BRANCH (VSB)

The VSB still continue its role all be it with less resources it is currently struggling with its work load with one FTE less due an end of contract for one employee and one staff member on long term sick leave

Budget

The Board continues to monitor SAFECOM as it implement's budget 2010/11 reductions \$1m+ and which has staff reduced less than 50% creating a impossible requirement to continue supporting front line Emergency Service Organizations (ESO's) forcing work back to ESO's The 2012/13 Budget there were no additional Budget reductions for SAFECOM

2013/14 Budget has continued with no additional funding or FTE's with limited prospect for improvement in either area in the near term, MFS EBA is about to begin negotiations and should be watched closely

VERSP

SAFECOM's Volunteer and Employer Recognition and Support Program (VERSP) recognising employer-supported volunteering within the sector with the Board continuing to visit Volunteers across the state quarterly has been reduced to 2 per year but will continue

Workforce Plans

The CFS, SAFECOM and SES workforce plans have all been approved by the Board for 2013/14 The Board asked for some further changes to the MFS workforce plans .approved the SAFECOM, SES and CFS plan

Projects

E Connect

Roll out has been completed which will see all volunteers having better access to information technology including portal access and station based computers

SACAD

SACAD continues to be implemented is now now been operational for almost 2years while some issues remain unresolved the board seeks updates on progress until completion

Community Safety Directorate

No progress has been submitted to the board for the last 5 months the future of this project is unknown to the board and the recent transfer of Tony Harrison to the Education Department suggests that this project may lay unpursued for some time

Review of our Act

The Board members prepared a response to the review of the Fire and Emergency Services Review started at the end March 2013 and Conducted by Paul Holloway it is now completed and is in the office of the minister of emergency services

Board Committees

The Board has three committees they are the Audit and risk committee and finance committee and the Building project review committee and all meet as per scheduled

THE Board

David Place has been reappointed to the position chief executive of SAFECOM
The Board Has met 10times last year and continue to meet every month and has a full complement of members
I all so wish to thank the CFSVA for my reappointment as your nominee to the SAFECOME Board for this current term

WB Thorley AFSM