

C.F.S STATE O.H.S.&W (Now CFS State Work Health and Safety Committee)

Annual Report to the State C.F.S.V.A Annual General Meeting 2013

The State Committee met 4 times over the last 12 months. Meetings were near 100% attendance from all regions.

- **25 km per hour speed limit past emergency services work zone** passed both houses of parliament but has not been gazetted after some months, causing some frustration with RCR Brigades and Brigades that do considerable work on highways.
- **Fit for Work Assessment Guidelines** has been passed to replace the old Physical & Psychological Guidelines and will be circulated soon and listed on the Volunteer Portal.
- **Working from Heights** continues to be raised at every meeting with no satisfactory outcome. The suggestion by the Chief Officer to remove ladders from trucks, taking away the capacity for working at heights was rejected and the recommendation now is to do a **Dynamic Risk Assessment** before engaging in such activities. We are still waiting on a training package to be finalised.
- **First Aid Training** – A case has been put forward to the training department that all CFS Volunteers who wish to be trained in First Aid should be eligible for training.
- On 12th September 2013, C.F.S was notified by **Work Cover** with one hour's notice that they would no longer be our auditing authority from this day. This responsibility will now fall to the **Public Sector Work Force Relations** – a Department of Premier & Cabinet. Although not confirmed in writing it is expected Public Sector Workforce Relations will outsource the auditing to a 3rd party.

Ray Bryant – Chair C.F.S. State Work Health and Safety Committee.

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