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Greetings,

I would like to draw your attention to the introduction of a new law in South Australia to establish the Office of Public Integrity (OPI) and appoint an Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (ICAC).

The role of the OPI is to receive and review information about corruption, misconduct and maladministration in public sector administration and advise the Commissioner on how to respond to the information.

Under this legislation CFS volunteers and staff members are public officers and have a responsibility to report matters of corruption or serious or systemic misconduct or maladministration to the OPI.

So why is this important to volunteers and to the CFS as a whole?

The ICAC legislation will help us reinforce the integrity and highly-respected reputation of CFS volunteers and staff members alike by upholding the fundamental values of the CFS.

Taking a stand against corruption or unacceptable and inappropriate behaviour in public sector administration that could damage the reputation of the organisation, should not only be supported but encouraged by everyone in the CFS.

Information about how to report matters of corruption in public administration and the scope of these obligations is available in more detail in Section 11 of the Directions and Guidelines document on the ICAC website through the following link: <http://www.icac.sa.gov.au/content/directions-and-guidelines>

I also encourage you to access the ICAC website's Frequently Asked Questions through the following link: <http://www.icac.sa.gov.au/content/frequently-asked-questions>

SUMMARY

- CFS volunteers and staff members are public officers and covered by new OPI and ICAC laws in South Australia.
- All public officers have a responsibility to report corruption or serious or systemic misconduct or maladministration to the OPI.
- ICAC laws can help reinforce CFS principles of integrity and work ethics.
- More information about reporting matters of corruption in public administration is available through the ICAC website at www.icac.sa.gov.au/

Regards,

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