

**Work Health Safety Committee Report for CFSVA Annual General Meeting
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Well another 12 months have flown past and thankfully not the season we had in 19/20 but the ramifications are starting to show from those fires with many personal starting to put their hand up for help, in which this is a good thing that they are asking, but the fear is that of those that won't so I plead with you all to check on your brigades/groups/fellow colleagues to make sure that they are in fact ok.

At this time, I would like to thank and acknowledge Trojans Trek who took 19 persons 5 of whom were from Kangaroo Island and gave them the tools to deal Post Traumatic Stress, and for Sonia's help in helping me get the urgent help for one of these lads who was at serious risk.

With a reshuffle at the top end of CFS it feels like we are finally being heard at this level and action is being taken but action can only be taken if we know about it and that it has followed the chain of command for reporting (not happy reading about issues when they have not been raised at region or at state).

There is still a lot of work in the area of reporting issues and injuries and the reluctance of and with the addition of farm firefighting units into the fold and there is a lot of pressure for those that have leadership roles to ensure they know who is on the fire ground.

Some of the outstanding issues below:

- Induction of level 3 safety advisors/ expressions of interest gone out and has been 21 nominations/will be in place for 21/22 season
- Yearly refresher training on heat related illness proposed at SMD
- Fire fighter helmet life expectancy/ form to be formulated and awareness program
- Water safety guidelines to be developed for boat/house fires