

# Welcome to the FES webinar series

*Fire Season Preparedness –  
Are Your Premises Ready?*

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# Webinar series

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- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Presentations**
  - Recording will be sent to all registered attendees after the event
- **Questions**
  - Please use Q&A button (*not “Chat”*)
  - Addressed towards end of today’s session
  - If time doesn’t permit, will be answered afterwards



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# Welcome

- **Stuart Yarnall** Director & General Manager, **Fire Equipment Services (FES)**
- **Andrew O'Connell** Commander, Community Education, **Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV)**
- **Ben Cash** Community Liaison, Bushfire Engagement, **Country Fire Authority (CFA)**
- **Fire Equipment Services**
  - **Established in 1902** and is the trading name and commercial division of **Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV)**, a Victorian Statutory Authority and operates in support of the Fire Rescue Victoria Act 1958
  - All **surpluses support** operational efforts of Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) in **protecting communities**
  - Our purpose is to lead **community safety** by partnering with clients to protect their **people and assets**
  - Vision is to be the trusted leader in **Fire Safety** and **Emergency Management** for **Technical expertise, Responsive service** and **Regulatory compliance**
  - Partners with facility managers, major corporations and small organisations to provide advice and support to **ensure compliance** within a **highly complex regulatory environment**

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# Summer Fire Safety Preparations

Commander Andrew O'Connell



# Emergency events to consider

- **Fire**
  - Grass and scrub fires
  - Building fires
- **Flood**
  - Riverine flooding
  - Flash floods
- **Storm**
- **Medical Emergency**



# Fire alarm systems

- Ensure that they have been serviced and all faults rectified
- There are maps of all circuits available at the alarm panel
- Make sure you provide the fire service with keys to the site if you have a fire alarm



# Preventing Fire Emergencies

- Ensure that any non essential equipment is turned off and if possible unplugged from the power outlets
- Remove all rubbish and waste from the site (especially from the outside of the buildings)
- Clean out all gutters (embers and storms)
- Store all chemicals correctly
- Check all equipment before re-energising
- Have a solid procedure for carrying out hot works  
(Permits may be required)





# Site security

- Ensure that the site is secure with all fences in good repair to deter unwanted visitors
- Ensure all gates are securely locked
- External lights are all working
- CCTV systems are operating and warning signs clearly visible
- Security alarms are working and provide the fire services with the instructions on how to isolate/reset them if you have a fire alarm at your premises.
- Consider security patrols



# Assisting operational crews

- Ensure that all contact details are up to date for:
  - Site security
  - After hours contacts
- Manifests are correct
- Any site specific details
- Ensure that all backup systems are checked and fully functional



# Flood/Storm emergencies

- Clean all gutters
- Clean all drains
- Remove all waste from outside the building
- Secure loose items outside or move them inside
- Lift important items off the floor



# Medical Emergencies

- Often critical maintenance is performed
- Limited people on site
- Ensure you know who is working on site and they are inducted as needed
- With low staffing levels people are often using plant they are not familiar with



# What to do if there is a fire nearby?



## Walk two streets back!

- Grass fires are unlikely to spread into built up areas
- Access for Emergency services is important
- Roads will be blocked by traffic
- Driving is unsafe as you can't see due to the smoke
- Grass fires are normally short in duration

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# E-Learning Modules

- Bushfire Safety for Workers

- Your Risk – Learn about the risk
- Prepare – How to be prepared
- Drive – How to stay safe on the road
- Survive – How to survive and stay safe

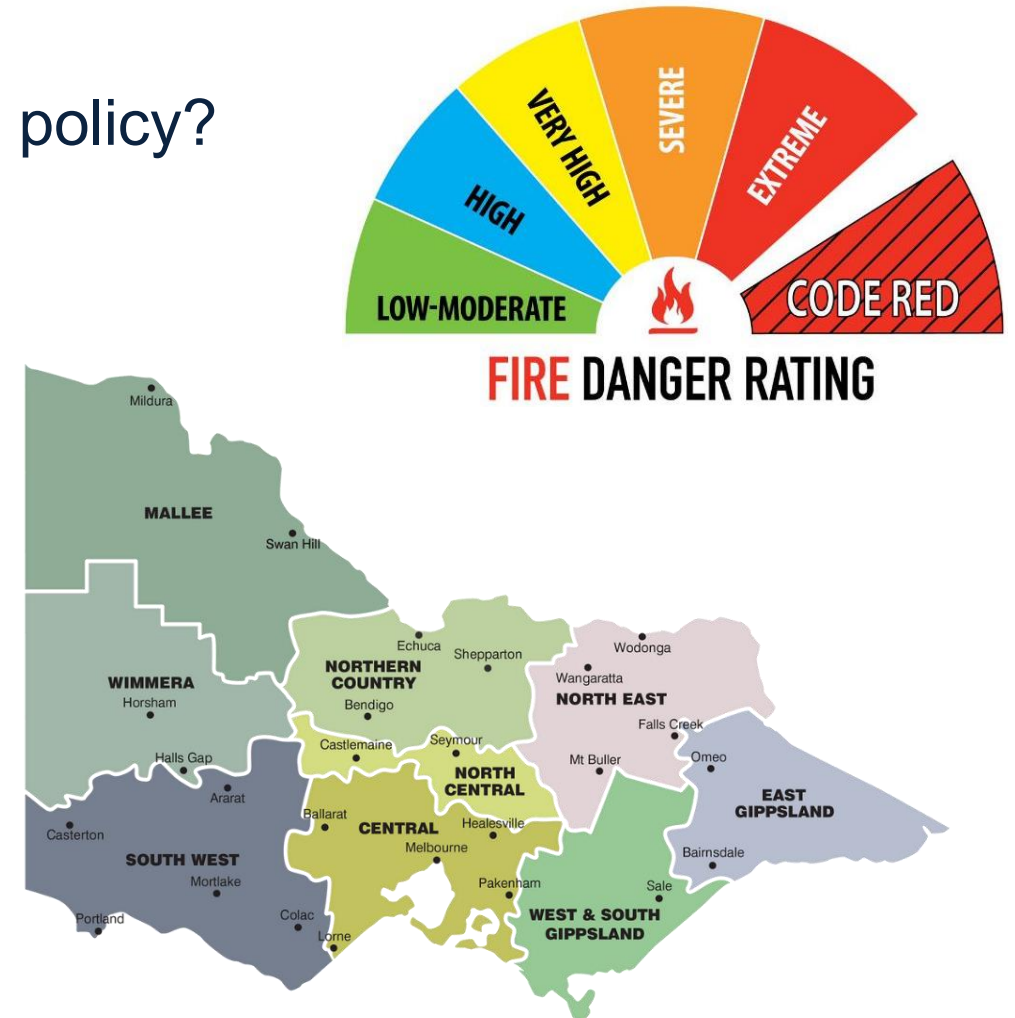


- You can access a certificate at the end of the session to verify completion. The learning module is not formally accredited or competency based, it is an awareness session only.



# Working on High Risk Days

- What's your workplace or client's workplace policy?
- Monitoring Conditions
  - Stay Informed
  - Warnings
- Have the right protection in your car



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# Your Questions?

Our experts are ready to answer:

- Andrew O'Connell (FRV)
- Ben Cash (CFA)
- Rick Flood (FRV)



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