

Infralog

CFS Infrastructure and Logistics Update: January 2011

Hi Everyone,

I trust that you and your families had a safe and enjoyable festive season. The majority of the "I&L Team" took the opportunity to take a well deserved break over the Christmas period as most of the suppliers we deal with close down during this time. Everyone is now back at work and looking forward to 2011 with a sense of optimism.

Even though we took time off there still has been a lot happening - read on.....

Regards,

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Since the last Infralog:

[VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT, \(V&E\)](#)

(V&E Team currently comprises Sandy Paterson, (Manager), Andrew Plush, Wayne Box and Phil Luxford. Wayne Byrne manages Leased vehicles and Command and Logistics vehicles and reports to MIL)

[Recent Deliveries](#)

Onkaparinga and Victor Groups have recently received new Bulk Water Carriers.

The new Victor BWC replaces an old vehicle that will be assessed for disposal.

The new Onkaparinga BWC is additional to the CFS fleet and has been provided as a result of additional Government funding to boost the number of BWC's within CFS. There are another six new BWC's that are currently being rolled out.



[10-11 New Appliance Program](#)

Following significant preparatory work and some delays the first new 34 rural appliance has been inspected and is almost complete and ready for delivery to Adelaide. One significant

change on the new vehicle was prompted by ongoing criticism about the lack of work space on the driver's side needed to fight running grass fires. This issue has been addressed on the new build, (see photo below).



When the appliance is received a Train the Trainer session will be held for Regional Training Officers. This will occur before any new appliances are delivered to Brigades.

It is expected that the build program will be completed by mid June.

An article on the new 34 will appear in the next edition.

11-12 New Appliance Program

Tenders for Cab/Chassis and Pumps for the 2011-12 new appliance programs have effectively closed. These Tenders will be evaluated with a decision due by the end of February. Tenders for the Body Builds will then be called.

Telescopic Light Masts

There have recently been cases of damage to Light Masts reported, as fitted to 24P, 34P and Pumper appliances, which have resulted from the appliance being moved with the mast raised. All of these appliances were fitted with a warning light to alert the driver if the mast is not fully lowered but some reports have indicated that the warning device did not function.

Firstly, when a light mast is housed the air valve to raise and lower the mast must be left in the "Lower" position, not in a "Neutral", "Lock" or "Off" position as some valves have leaked air into the mast raising it slightly.

Secondly, it is essential that any identified faults in plant and equipment are rectified at the earliest practical time. This is the only way you can ensure that you are ready and able to respond at any time with all equipment operating as it is designed to do. Remember -Your life, and that of someone else, may one day depend on it.

If there are any concerns with equipment repair and maintenance please contact your Regional Office for assistance or contact one of the I&L Team directly. Don't wait.

Spare Wheel Winches

Benefit from the experience of others: -

Spare Wheel Winches should be checked on a regular basis to ensure they are not seized or damaged. This is something that could be largely "out of sight – out of mind", until it is required.

Concept Urban Pumper (by Andrew Plush)

SASGAR, the Australian agent for Rosenbauer, has brought a concept urban pumper to Australia for evaluation by the various Australian fire agencies, with the intent of trying to break into the Australian market. The Rosenbauer Group, a European company, is one of the world's largest manufacturers of fire vehicles, fire pumps and fire equipment. Whilst not totally relevant to CFS operations, this vehicle has many innovations that are worthy of consideration.



An interesting feature is that the pumper is built on a commercially available single cab chassis with the rear crew cab built as part of the rear composite aluminium body work. This has enabled a larger than normal crew cab, with a wide opening access door and self opening carousel staircase, to be constructed. Inside all available free space was filled with additional storage with the down side being severely restricted forward vision for any of the four crew members seated in the rear CABA seats.





To assist operator access, a full length drop down platform can be lowered on each side, thus allowing easy access to the many innovative multi-fold double sided stowage panels.

The rear driver side locker is fitted with Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS) which can be operated using a small on board compressor or direct from the inbuilt storage banks of the CABA compressor system.



The large shutter locker doors allow access to hi volume lockers, which are fitted out with double sided fold out panels and revolving shelves which enhance the ability to fit more stowage into the available space. As a result there is very little locker dead space. The 2000 litre water tank is mounted above the rear axle. To allow room in the shallow hose locker which backs onto both sides of the water tank, the delivery hoses are in 15 metre lengths instead of the more traditional 30 metres. These are fitted to individual hose racks and retained by Velcro straps; each hose also has a carry handle enabling fire fighters to readily carry multiple rolls.



One of the advantages of European heavy vehicle regulations is this same appliance is able to legally carry considerably more weight than in Australia, hence the amount of stowage carried.

The pumper is fitted with a rear mount Rosenbauer NH55 two stage pump, normal pressure output 5,000 l/min at 8 bar, hi pressure output 400 l/min at 40 bar. The pump controls are via one of two electronic display panels, one inside the rear pump work area, the second operated by the driver. There are three quick attach hose reels, normal pressure 38mm 60 M, hi pressure 19mm 100 M and 25mm 60 M. A roof monitor is fitted capable of 2500 l/min. The

side hose reels have an additional foot operated rewind control built into the step allowing operator two free hands to assist in re-stowing.

A light pole is fitted with 8 LED adjustable (to change focus) light modules, the head unit is capable of full 360degree rotation and can also rotate the head a full 180 degrees to project the light beam vertically straight up. Controls are either by the rear pump panel or a remote cable control pad.



The ladder gantry is controlled via the same remote control panel as the light pole; this drives the gantry to a very user accessible height via rack & pinion drive.

The additional gantry mounted storage box can then be accessed or tilted to allow the multi stage ladder (not fitted) to be removed. All storage is thus accessible from ground level or side platforms.

Overall this is an impressive urban type appliance, with many innovative features, some of which are worth consideration in our future appliances. As a concept promotion appliance it was obvious that some equipment and features had been included for the sake of including, but this emphasised the ability of the builder to make maximum use of all available locker volume. In addition to the considerable stowage the Pumper was equipped with CABA compressor and double storage bank, Heavy RCR equipment, and a large 3 phase generator.



Some of the little things that stood out; the various catches and latches, the hinges on the fold out panels, the slide out tracks all very high quality, and precise in their operation. These are likely representative of the technology and R&D capabilities of one of the world's largest appliance manufacturers. The abilities of the advanced technology driving the numerous electronic control modules and the complex multiplex wiring linking them is very impressive. Perhaps some concern could be expressed at long term viability of this technology in our CFS environment, and considering our minimum twenty year appliance life.

A discussion with the engineer presenting this appliance on future fire appliance trends was of interest as he indicated they were currently progressing towards an "electric" appliance. A conventional diesel cab chassis would be fitted with a PTO driven 80kVA high voltage generator which would then power everything else, pump/s, hose reels, lighting, locker doors, gantries, monitors, compressors, CAFS etc. This would provide a significant weight advantage over current hydraulic technology and is considered more environmentally friendly, but would necessitate the use of complex computer control modules.

BUILDINGS & FIXED ASSET MANAGEMENT

(CFS Building and Construction Team – Manager - Colin Warner, (SAFECOM), Roger Weal and Sam Quigley. Assets - Project Manager Asset Services – Paul Sargent, (SAFECOM))

In the past two editions of Infraclog you would have noted that there hasn't been a building and construction report and advice was provided that all CFS building projects had been placed on temporary hold, (including those which had already commenced). The contractual and procedural issues that led to this action being taken are still being progressively addressed but I am pleased to advise that work on all CFS projects has now recommenced.

Read on to see what is happening - we trust you like the new reporting format.....MIL

Region 1

American River – New toilet and connection to STED. Project remains subject to funding allocation by Region.

Blackwood – Final detail design and preparation of tender documents for building extension is underway.

Coromandel Valley – The previous Property Manager for Telstra have now been replaced. Negotiations over the mobile phone tower lease are now being concluded with the Australian Government Solicitor.

Concordia – Still waiting on the Barossa Council to return the Licence document. Further follow ups will be undertaken to finalise.

Delamere – The Application for land division has been submitted to DAC seeking Crown Development Approval. Once approved purchase of the land can be finalised.

Eden Hills – A meeting has been held with the brigade to discuss budget, scope and a way forward. Required land is already dedicated to the Minister for Emergency Services.

KI Appliance storage shed – Proposed site for an appliance storage shed is on the corner of the Parndana Oval which is Crown land dedicated to the Kangaroo Island Council. Approval has been requested from the Minister of Environment & Conservation to amend the dedication of the land and for the required portion to be leased to the Minister for Emergency Services.

Lower Inman Valley – Architectural plans are being prepared for proposed extension and alterations.

Meadows – Quotes are being arranged for the structural changes required to replace existing appliance bay doors.

Montacute – A site meeting in December determined that there are a number of significant difficulties from a Development Approval position that need to be worked through in relation to the preferred site. Stakeholders are working through the issues.

Parndana – Development plans are being prepared along with obtaining quotes for new amenities block, storage shed and generator. Crown approval will need to be obtained for the proposed construction.

Piccadilly – Lease now completed and with the Crown Solicitor for registration on the title.

Range Hope Forest - Builder has been appointed for new internal toilet. Approval for the proposed development has been requested from the owners.

Stirling – Meetings with Brigade being held to discuss what can be achieved within available budget and to identify a way forward.

Western Districts – Concept plan has been developed for a two bay appliance shed to be constructed on the former netball courts at the Western Oval Sports Complex. The Operations room will be part of the existing clubrooms that will be shared with local sports

clubs. More detailed planning will commence in the near future. The site is Crown land dedicated to the Kangaroo Island Council and leased to the Western Districts Sports Club. Approval has been requested from the Minister of Environment & Conservation to amend the dedication of the land and for the required portion to be assigned an under - lease to the Minister for Emergency Services.

Region 2

Balaklava – New contract manager has been selected to manage construction of the new station with works expected to recommence this month. Lease being finalised with Council.

Balgowan – Site layout for new fire shed has been agreed allowing development and construction planning to proceed.

Birdwood - Monthly tenancy agreement for use of the former Department of Transport depot for training purposes has now been finalised.

Blewitt Springs – Council has promised to respond to draft licence for their use of the site early in the New Year.

Brentwood – Order has been placed for prefabricated toilet and tenders are being sought and evaluated for installation associated of septic system.

Corny Point – Order has been placed for prefabricated toilet and tenders are being sought and evaluated for installation associated of septic system.

Cunliffe – Order has been placed for prefabricated toilet and tenders are being sought and evaluated for installation associated of septic system.

Gawler River – Division of land being progressed by Crown Lands. CFS site will be leased from the Council.

Hamley Bridge – New contract manager has been selected to manage construction of the new station with works expected to recommence this month.

Lyndoch – Design review for new station to be undertaken with brigade.

Maitland – Location of new septic tank on site to be resolved so as to minimise impact on any future development.

Marrabel – Site layout for new fire shed has been agreed allowing development and construction planning to proceed.

Mt Torrens – Design review for new station to be undertaken in conjunction with stakeholders.

Saddleworth – Project has been completed and is operational.

Yorketown - Quotations are being obtained to resurface car park.

Region 3

Coonalpyn – Discussions ongoing with Brigade, Region and Council to determine a way forward that is acceptable to all stakeholders.

Palmer – The local community has indicated that they want to take over the existing brigade building for community use. Issue to be resolved and where necessary alternate land identified before project can progress

Salt Creek – Quotes for site works have been obtained. Discussions to be held with SAAS re both quotes and offer from neighbour in relation to shared access.

Region 4

Appila – Final positioning of new fire shed needs to be agreed upon so that detailed development and construction design can commence.

Brinkworth – Draft plans have been prepared for additions to house QRV. Final negotiations over the Lease document are being completed with the owner.

Burra – Preparation of final construction and tender plans for extension to existing building has commenced. DAC Planning approval obtained. Joint CFS/SES project to allow SES to relocate to CFS site.

Crystal Brook – Modifications to existing building to provide new kitchen and amenities to be progressed. Region will be managing project with assistance from HQ.

Farrell Flat – Existing site may be unsuitable for new fire shed. Waiting on Region to identify/provide budget allocation, investigate alternate sites and provide advice to HQ.

Iron Knob – Onesteel still yet to provide draft lease for CFS Station.

Laura – Site layout and scope of project for new appliance bay needs further investigation by Region. Advice to be provided to HQ before project can progress.

Orroroo – SAAS's to lease portion of CFS land with negotiations being progressed.

Pekina – Site layout for new fire shed has been agreed allowing development and construction planning to proceed.

Wilmington – New contract manager has been selected to manage construction of the new station with works expected to recommence this month. Lease documentation being progressed with Council.

Region 5

Argyle - Order has been placed for prefabricated toilet and tenders are being sought and evaluated for installation associated of septic system.

Avenue Range – Connection of electricity from CFS station to neighbouring common building is being arranged. Agreement is being sought to use toilets in common building.

Bangham - Order has been placed for prefabricated toilet and tenders are being sought and evaluated for installation associated of septic system. Department of Transport progressing lease for site,

Binum – Currently finalising construction documentation to allow builders to quote on new station. Revised DAC submission lodged.

Callendale - Order has been placed for prefabricated toilet and tenders are being sought and evaluated for installation associated of septic system.

Hynam –Asset services to investigate whether nearby toilets are available for use.

Kongal - Order has been placed for prefabricated toilet and tenders are being sought and evaluated for installation associated of septic system.

Kybybolite - Currently finalising construction documentation to allow builders to quote on new fire station. Revised DAC submission lodged.

Laffer - Order has been placed for prefabricated toilet and tenders are being sought and evaluated for installation associated of septic system.

Lochaber - Brigade have elected to continue current arrangements using toilets at neighbouring community hall. Provision of toilet will not be progressed.

McCallum - Order has been placed for prefabricated toilet and tenders are being sought and evaluated for installation associated of septic system.

Mil Lel – New toilet and septic. Addition to station, quotations being obtain by Region.

Mount Gambier – Forestry SA still to provide comments on draft MOU.

Pleasant Park – New toilet facility to be built within existing station. Quotations being obtained by the Region.

Sherwood - Order has been placed for prefabricated toilet and tenders are being sought and evaluated for installation associated of septic system.

Spence - Order has been placed for prefabricated toilet and tenders are being sought and evaluated for installation associated of septic system.

Tantanoola – Order has been placed for prefabricated toilet and tenders are being sought and evaluated for installation associated of septic system.

Taratap – Follow up letter sent requesting owner to sign and return lease documents.

Tatiana Senior – Order has been placed for prefabricated toilet and tenders are being sought and evaluated for installation associated of septic system.

Tilley Swamp - Order has been placed for prefabricated toilet and tenders are being sought and evaluated for installation associated of septic system.

Willalooka – Provision of rainwater tank. Group is arranging for installation and connection.

Woolumbool - Order has been placed for prefabricated toilet and tenders are being sought and evaluated for installation associated of septic system.

Region 6

Buckleboo – Development approval received for new fire shed. Quotes being obtained from builders.

Cockaleechie – Development approval received for new fire shed. Quotes being obtained from builders.

Karkoo – Development approval received for new fire shed. Quotes being obtained from builders.

Mount Hope – Site layout for new fire shed has been agreed allowing development and construction planning to proceed.

Mount Wedge – Site layout for new fire shed has been agreed allowing development and construction planning to proceed.

Port Lincoln Land – Deposit has been paid by purchaser with contract to be completed by end of February.

Port Neil – Site survey being arranged to allow planning to commence for extension to existing building.

Rudall – Development approval received for new fire shed. Quotes being obtained from builders.

Sceale Bay – Development approval received for new fire shed. Quotes being obtained from builders.

Tooligie Hill - Site survey being arranged to allow planning to commence for new fire shed.

Tuckey – Development approval received for new fire shed. Quotes being obtained from builders.

Tumby Bay Air Operations – Awaiting advice from Region as to size of facility required given that SES have confirmed that they are moving to their own facility.

Waddikee – Need to locate suitable site for new fire shed.

Wharminda - Final positioning needs to be confirmed for new fire shed so that development documentation can be progressed. Lease documents have been forwarded to the Minister to sign.

Wirrulla - Site survey being arranged to allow planning to commence for new fire shed.

State Training Centre

CBRN/HAZMAT Facility – On hold subject to adequate funding and resolution of contract issues.

All Regions

BA Compressors & BA Equipment Servicing – draft specifications provided for approval.

RCR equipment – replacement schedule of equipment being updated.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(CFS Telecommunications Team - Manager Telecommunications – Mario D'Agostino and Telecommunications Support Officer, Marilyn Hughes)

VHF Radios

The Tait T2020 used by CFS can no longer be repaired as some parts are no longer available for this particular radio. Where parts are no longer available for a radio in need of repair the radio is being replaced with Tait TM8250.

Our current VHF radios are coming to the end of their operational life and consideration is being given to how, and if, these will be replaced given current funding constraints.

Rollout of Digital Capable GRN Radios in Region 3

The rollout of Region 3 digital capable radios was completed successfully on 23rd December. It involved the changeover of 50 XTL 5000, 120 XTL 25000 (Mobiles Radios) and 160 XTS 2500 (Portables Radios). The replacement of the radios occurred smoothly and without significant incident or impact. We are currently looking at Procurement of radios for our next Regional rollout which will put us on track to convert to digital capable radios by the end of 2012.

SAGRN Upgrade

The major upgrade to the SAGRN voice core was completed on the morning of 16 December 2010 and went to plan. This was a major and significant milestone in the first Stage of a 2 year project which includes improvements to voice, paging and data capacity. The voice uplift incorporated the upgrading of CFS analogue talk-groups to digital talk-groups, increasing the number of ports on the zone controllers, complying with P25 standard for interoperable digital two-way wireless communications and investigation of microwave links. These steps should lead to an improvement in both capacity and coverage.

If any abnormalities are noticed on SAGRN voice transmissions they need to be reported immediately to the SAGRN Helpdesk directly which is a 24/7 call centre.

Paging

Work has commenced to analyse and address paging distortion issues. This also includes investigation of the many known paging problem areas that have been recorded and documented by the CFS.

Manager Telecommunications - On a Personal Note

Thankyou for the welcome I have received in CFS. What a great organisation. I remain on a steep learning curve and continue to be amazed by the diversity and complexity of telecommunications issues that have to be dealt with within CFS. I look forward to working

with you to ensure that we get the best possible telecommunications systems possible to support the fantastic work done by our organisation.

The Christmas break was special for me as it was wonderful to be able to finally enjoy a full festive break with my young family given that I had not been able to spend Christmas Day with them in the past few years. We took the opportunity to spend some quality time together. We also enjoyed some time travelling with family and friends along the Fleurieu Peninsula and then enjoyed some beautiful scenic views, swimming and fishing along the Yorke Peninsula - Mario

MANAGERS UPDATE

Command and Logistics Vehicles

The purchase of CFS owned Command and Logistics Vehicles is progressing as a matter of urgency. The matter was discussed at COAC when it met on 13th December where the need to deliver the project from within the allocated budget and within the timeframe established within the budget papers was reinforced.

Based on feedback previously received it was evident that there is a preference for station wagons as command vehicles rather than the crew cab utes proposed by the Light Fleet Working Group. As a result of the feedback, two examples of 'ute' based station wagons were displayed at the COAC meeting, namely the Mitsubishi Challenger and Nissan Pathfinder. It was agreed that either of these vehicles would meet the needs of CFS as a Command vehicle and a motion supporting their use as Command Vehicles and Crew Cab Utilities as Logistics Vehicles was endorsed for consideration by the Chief Officer. The Acting Chief Officer subsequently approved the recommendation.

Given the value of the purchase, approval to purchase was still required from the Justice Accredited Purchasing Unit, (APU). The required 'Acquisition Plan' was fast tracked and approval to proceed was granted two days before Christmas. Pricing is now being sought for the first thirty Command Vehicles to replace those currently leased through Fleet SA.

The Light Fleet Working Group met on the 15th December and reviewed the existing COAC endorsed Command and Logistics Vehicle Allocation and Use Policy. Changes have been proposed that reflect the change of ownership of the vehicles and the impact this will have including servicing and insurance. The amended Policy will shortly be sent to COAC for consideration.

The working Group also started to develop an approved stowage list for Command and Logistics Vehicles. This will also be sent to COAC for consultation and consideration.

As you would gather, this project is being fast tracked so as to ensure we fully expend the funds allocated in this years budget and to ensure we minimise any penalties payable to Fleet SA. As soon as a decision is made as to what we are buying, a prototype fit-out will be developed and consulted on. Photos will also appear in Infralog.

Driver Fatigue Legislation

We are continuing to work with DTEI in an attempt to address the issues we have in relation to the need for CFS Volunteers to complete Work Diary's when engaged in CFS business. We have now reached the point where the current exemption notice approved by the Minister in November 2009 that applies to regulated heavy vehicles used by, or on behalf of, SACFS, is likely to be extended to include driving of CFS vehicles **in non emergency situations** where the use is for a purpose related to an official function or duty of the SACFS.

The proposed exemption notice will be drafted along the lines of

Application of notice

(1) *This notice applies to the class of vehicles comprising regulated heavy vehicles used by, or on behalf of, SACFS.*

(2) *This notice applies in the following circumstances:*

(a) the return of a vehicle from an emergency, or from a place at which activities related to an emergency were undertaken;

(b) the use of a vehicle for a purpose related to an official function or duty of the SACFS (other than in circumstances where the exemption conferred under regulation 57 of the regulations applies).

Prescribed provisions not to apply

(1) *Subject to this clause, the prescribed provisions do not apply to, or in relation to, the use of the class of vehicles to which this notice applies in the circumstances set out in **Application of notice** clause (2).*

(2) *It is a condition of an exemption conferred by this notice that SACFS and any person driving a regulated heavy vehicle pursuant to the exemption must each comply with any policy prepared or adopted by SACFS relating to the management of fatigue in drivers of heavy vehicles.*

Note — *Section 164B of the Road Traffic Act 1961 provides that if a person contravenes or fails to comply with a condition specified in an exemption, the exemption does not, while the contravention or non-compliance continues, operate in that person's favour.*

The 'Note' is very important as failure to comply with the CFS Heavy Driver Fatigue Policy, (contact me if you want a copy), may leave the driver and his supervisors open to legal proceedings. (This is no different to our obligations under the Road Traffic Act.) This should not be an issue as it is unsafe to drive whilst fatigued and we have to exercise a duty of care to not only our own volunteers who travel in and on our vehicles but also to other road users.

From my perspective I see this as a huge win for CFS, (at this stage it will only apply to CFS). Consequently I want to see it enacted as soon as possible and will advise you as soon as it is.

If and when granted, this exemption will remain in place until January 2013. In January 2013 national legislation will come into force which will override this exemption. States will not be able to override the National Legislation. I understand that in the draft national legislation a Work Diary will be required for non emergency situations. This will be a significant impost on volunteers so volunteers through their representative bodies will need to lobby heavily over the next two years on a national basis if they want the exemption we are negotiating to continue,

Personal Protective Equipment, (PPE)

I have been asked on several occasions over the past couple of months about the suitability of the old Nomex PPC for structural firefighting. The answer is very simple – **NO IT IS NOT SUITABLE**. The only approved PPC for structural firefighting in CFS at this time is the PBI Gold garment supplied by Lion.

A huge amount of work goes into developing and updating Australian and other standards for PPE. Every major item of PPE used by CFS currently has a Standard associated with it. These Standards mean that products made and certified to them will provide the user with a minimum, and reasonable, level of protection when used in the environment they are designed to be used in.

To date, the I&L Team has had no control over what PPE is purchased or used by CFS, (except in the case of the Lion structural garment), as I&L doesn't control the budgets from which PPE is purchased. Consequently to minimise the risk we mandated that all PPE used by CFS Volunteers and Staff must be **CERTIFIED** to the relevant Standard. Certification is mandated because it means that the product has been independently tested to confirm that the product complies with the Standard. This has become increasingly critical given that many products are being labelled with statements like "Designed to comply with" when in fact the product doesn't. Use of such products exposes you and CFS to unacceptable risks.

After a consultative process, COAC recommended and the Chief Officer endorsed a proposal that will see CFS move to a central contract for the purchase of PPE. Purchases will continue to be made directly by Brigades, Groups or Regions and not by I&L. The role of I&L will be as Contract and Quality Control Managers.

A publicly advertised procurement process is now close to finalisation and a contract which includes penalties for non provision of service should be in place by mid year. The ability to order online will also be a requirement of any contract entered into. You will be advised when the contract is in place and up and running at which time all PPE will need to be purchased off the contract.

Approval is currently being sought from COAC to form a **State PPE Committee**. This committee, if approved, will be given training on Standards and their importance and have the opportunity to be involved in identifying PPC design requirements and the material(s) they are constructed from. If you have an interest in PPE and are interested in representing your Region please contact your Region directly so your nomination can be considered.

Foam

At the time the same time COAC recommended and the Chief Officer endorsed a central contract for PPE they also endorsed the same for Foam. It will take some time to achieve this as a publicly advertised procurement process will need to be undertaken the same as what occurred for Uniform/PPE. I hope to have a contract in place before the next fire season and will keep you informed as we progress towards this.

Thank-you

Thank-you to the readers who wrote to me after the last Infralog. Whilst use of this publication for political purposes is frustrating and inappropriate, please be assured that my staff and I remain committed to producing it and will only cease its publication as a last resort

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(Feedback, both positive and negative, is encouraged and welcomed)