Emergency Services Reform Office

Newsletter

Welcome to the latest edition of the ESRO newsletter.

Working Groups
We have assessed the first three working groups and are in the process of seeking input from the Chief Officers and Reference Group. This is to ensure the knowledge, experience and skill set of the members within the working group match the skills needed for the working group to be able to deliver the outcomes expected of them.

We will officially call for the next working groups in a few weeks time. These working groups will be:
- Image and Branding
- Boundaries
- IT Systems

The **Image and Branding** work group will look at how to 'brand' the sector, bearing in mind the retention of the three operational agency logo's and identity. Skills and interests needed for this working group include Corporate Communications, Marketing, IT/web design and social media. This group will have a strong link to the Mission/Vision work group (SAFECOM Board).

The **Boundaries** work group will need to identify common boundaries for the sector. Do we call them Regions, Zones or Districts (or something else entirely)? How do brigades, groups, units, stations and flotilla fit within these regions/zones/districts? This group is looking at boundaries from an administration level and will have links to the Response Boundaries working group. The skills needed for in this group are Emergency Management, GIS, Natural Resource Management.

The **IT Systems** working group will be responsible for developing a Knowledge and Information Management principles, strategy and plan for the sector for a 3 – 5 year period. This group will also need to identify improvements in economies of scale, efficiency, transparency and accountability. This will include undertaking a health check of the existing operational and corporate systems (e.g. applications, online tools, leases, software licences, etc). The skills, experience and knowledge necessary for this working group include knowledge and information management, corporate and operational systems, information technology, digital and social service delivery, strategy.

Key documents, such as the Work Plan, Role Descriptions and Expression of Interest forms are available on the SAFECOM website, but will also be emailed to sector members when we officially call for nominations.

If you would like any information on these working groups, please contact the ESRO Office and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

For more in information, just click the link on the SAFECOM home page: www.safecom.sa.gov.au

Submissions
Most of the submissions to the discussion paper, "A SAFER Community" have been added to the SAFECOM website. Permission was obtained from the authors prior to posting the submissions on the website. Not all authors gave permission and this is the reason not all submissions are available publically.

ESRO Staffing
Michael Morgan is returning to the MFS, and Andrew Lindsay, Commander for Metropolitan Planning South is joining the ESRO team from the 20th April.

Michael has made a valuable contribution to the ESRO team since joining us, and we wish him well as he returns to the MFS.

Upcoming Dates

21 April 2015 - Site visit - Victor Harbor MFS
21 April 2015 - Site visit - VMR Victor Harbor
21 April 2015 - Site visit - South Coast SES, Mundoo and Victor Harbor CFS Groups
29 April 2015 - Site visit - Edinburgh SES
29 April 2015 - Site visit - Elizabeth MFS
4 May 2015 - Reference Group Meeting
TBC - Site visit - Angle Park Training Centre

Please keep your feedback, comments and questions coming in. We are contactable at:

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