

Emergency Services Reform Office

Newsletter

ESRO Office

Since our last newsletter we have welcomed an additional three staff members to the ESRO team.

Michael Morgan joins us from the MFS where he is the Assistant Chief Fire Officer, with responsibilities for Operations Command Southern and Industrial Relations. He is working on the research and business intelligence for the working groups.

Fiona Dunstan joins us from the CFS where she is the Manager of Information Operations. She is a member of the SCC during operational activation and has a good understanding of operations, public information and warnings at the state and national level. Her community engagement expertise and work with AFAC will complement the existing expertise of the ESRO team.

Shiona Somerville will join us as the HR specialist. Shiona comes to us from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) where she is the Manager of Human Resources. Shiona will provide valuable assistance to Working Group three in all aspects of Human Resource Management.

The ESRO team will be relocating to 60 Waymouth Street from Monday 23 March. Our email and phone number will remain the same, but please *note our new postal address*.

Please continue to check the SAFECOM website for updates on the Reform. Recent additions to the website include the forms for the working groups.



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

Upcoming Dates

23rd March - Due date for first 3 working group applications
31st March - Reference Group Meeting

Working groups

A reminder that we are calling for expressions of interest for three of the thirteen working groups at this stage - Standards, Legislation and Workforce Planning. We will call for other workgroups over the next few months. Of course this does not stop people preparing their application now in advance of for when we announce the next batch of working groups. The other working groups that will be formed include:

- Training
- Service Delivery Boundaries
- IT Systems
- Image and Branding
- Response Boundaries
- Specialist Capabilities
- Command and Control
- Doctrine
- Working with the Community

Here are some queries about the working groups we've received.




How much of a time commitment will there be?

It will depend on the working group. Some working groups will require a small amount of time per week, but over a long period of time. Other groups may require more intense levels of work over a short period of time, and others may have a burst of work, then a break, then another burst of work. Meetings are not required to be held during business hours, but to ensure work is able to be completed, people need to have regular access to email.

What will a Chairperson have to do?

The Chairperson will have to ensure that the working group is functioning cohesively and productively. It is their responsibility to ensure meetings are held at appropriate times, that a project plan is completed, recommendations are determined and that outcomes are achieved as per agreed timeframes. They will be supported by an Executive Officer and staff from the ESRO team.

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

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