

Hi my name is Scott Tomlinson been volunteer fire fighter for 14 years with 3 brigades so far I good idea to combine something's but others shouldn't change we have we have learnt many things since black Saturday learnt many valuable lessons which we have used to strengthen the 3 fire services in the state.as a whole we should contrite on buying things I bulk from radios and hoses down to paper clips all these items should be ordered by state logistics centre at knox then sent out to relevant fire service

Items such as our turnout clothes and uniforms should all be same only difference being one says cfa one says mfb depi all uniforms to order from knox

We are starting to standardised our truck fleets with certain classes of trucks our desins teams for trucks should work together more closely as there has been few trucks still not in service with cfa if they had use a proven design from mfb then we might have comms vans and od trucks in use

As victorian population grows and expands and with our changing weather patterns we are going to have more intergared stations this is good thing as saves victorians lives relivss stresses of busy vvolunteer brigades have a great intergrated brigade model you should use as shining example is melton brigade with over 100 volunteers on its books.

As population gets older some of our smaller cfa brigades in farming districts might need to merge

Some of our larger regional centres such Echuca,swan hill,Benalla,,colac,Stawell,Horsham,marabough,lara,torquay,lorne,phillip island,bachus marsh and gisbourne are going to need staff in these locations these brigades could act as a hub or majour station and support out to these vounteers brigade's bit like ocean grove does all over Bellarine pensuila the cfa hus would be place were stores would be sent as well provide training to volunteers as well these brigades would aslo act in emr role

Volunteers should not be left out in this review as most of state is protected by volunteer brigades

It is of upmost inmportancrce that we replace fiskville as soon as possible with new training ground in the ballan area for both cfa staff and volunteers a place to call home

Emr is being roled out to all staff stations all intergraded volunteers should also be trained in the use of these vitail life saving tools. It should be compulsory to have one on every cfa appliance so victorians having heart attack anywhere state from bunyip to rainbow nelson and sea lake should have chance at life we put defilatores in airports and shopping centres and any one can grab them whats the difrence if it safes lives

I also believe we shouldn't sell our older trucks they should be kept in service for use these pumpers and tankers slip ons rescue trucks could be used as state spares or they could go to brigades be used for crew transport or in majour fires they cold be used water transport less turn around for newer tankers they could be used in asset

protection or could be used as big fill as it is able go code 1 they could also cary extra hoses be mini hose layers we should also re-introduce volunteers in the mfb based on cfa ingratin model it would make victorans safer as a hole many thanks scott