Memorandum

To:	Operations Managers Operations Officers
Copy to:	State PPE&C Management Centre
From:	Chief Officer
Subject:	Female Fit Personal Protective Clothing
Date:	17 November 2014

Purpose

To remind Operations Officers and Operations Managers of the availability of female fit Personal Protective Clothing (PPC) for both new and existing members and the accompanying procedure.

Background

Since 2012 CFA's female members have had access to specially designed bushfire PPC. The design has different trousers and a better fitting coat. The braces have been removed and the new waist band is elastic and has a draw cord. The changes were introduced after evaluating feedback and targeted trialling. The introduction of this PPC was an important step in acknowledging the diversity at CFA.

Issues

Female fit Bushfire PPC is available for all new members, subject to meeting PPC eligibility requirements, or for current members in exchange for their existing ensemble. The member does not need to wait until their current PPC reaches 'end of life' or has been issued for a period of time to take up this option. Existing members wishing to exchange their current PPC for female fit PPC must ensure that the gear they are exchanging has been cleaned in accordance with local arrangements prior to the exchange taking place.

Requisition forms are currently being updated to ensure that all PPC options available, including female fit PPC, are clearly identifiable on the form. The appropriate District Requisition Form must be completed and signed off by the Brigade OIC and provided to the District Office when requesting PPC for a new member or to facilitate exchanging existing PPC for female fit PPC. This is essential and ensures that District records can be accurately maintained.

Recommendations

That you note and adhere to this advice.

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