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Dear Brigade / Group Secretary (As addressed)

Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP)

I am pleased to advise that the Minister for Emergency Services, The Hon. Mr James Merlino MLA has announced the opening of the 2017/18 Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program.

VESEP provides funding to assist Victoria's emergency service volunteers in the acquisition of a wide range of ancillary equipment in recognition of your significant contribution in supporting Victorian communities in times of emergency.

The CFA VESEP program will again focus on supporting our volunteers in the field through enhancing; operational health and safety, volunteer amenities, replacement or new auxiliary operational equipment, provision of training aides, specialist appliances, field command vehicles and the replacement of aged fire fighting appliances.

The funding formula for the program in most instances provides for $2 VESEP for every $1 Brigade / Group funding.

This year there are some changes to the program, namely:

- Additions to the fire fighting vehicle fleet:

  A separate form providing a detailed operational justification for the proposed addition to the fleet, signed by the District Operations Manager and endorsement by the ACO, will be now required.

- Field Command Vehicle's (FCV):

  This year a standard "off the shelf" FCV will be offered under the program. This approach will enable Brigades / Groups to acquire a standard FCV, based on a Ford Ranger XL Plus, which will be manufactured and delivered complete with warning lights, sirens and livery.

  It is intended to transition over time to a standard FCV specification.

  Details of this vehicle (and the optional body layouts) are attached and can also be viewed on the CFA VESEP website.

- Ultra Light Tankers:

  With the Nissan Patrol no longer available in the market place the ULT will now be offered on a Toyota Land Cruiser cab chassis.

- Static Generators:

  CFA has developed a specification for a standard 20 and 30 kVA static generator and established a preferred supplier arrangement with three suppliers. Details are available on the CFA VESEP web site.

- Minor Works:

  The cap for minor works projects will remain at $80k with Brigades required to consult with the VESEP Minor Works Manager, Bruce Rowley, to confirm scope, cost estimation and deliverability before an application will be considered.

The following information is enclosed to assist with the preparation of your funding application:

- EMV VESEP Brochure
- CFA Guidelines and Application Forms
- Standard Build FCV Details

All documentation pertaining to the application process, along with other relevant information to assist in putting your application together is available on *Brigades on Line*:-

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Applications must be submitted to your Operations Manager by 16th June 2017.

Should you wish to discuss any aspects of the VESEP program, please contact your local Operations Manager in the first instance.

I recommend this new program to you and wish your Brigade / Group every success.

Yours sincerely

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