



Policy 5.3.6 – Volunteer Bush Fire Personnel (Minimum Training Standards)

1. Policy Purpose

The Shire of Harvey (Shire) formally adopts, as policy, the following minimum training standards for Volunteer Firefighters and Bush Fire Brigade Officers.

2. Policy Scope

This policy applies to the Shire's Volunteer Firefighters and Bush Fire Brigade Officers.

3. Policy

The following training must be completed prior to attending an operational incident:

- Volunteer Firefighter Induction (brigade-based)
- AIIMS Awareness
- Bushfire Safety Awareness
- Firefighting Skills.

3.1 Lieutenant

To be appointed as a Lieutenant, the volunteer must have a minimum of **three** years of active operational experience and completed the following training:

- All requirements of Firefighter
- Advanced Bush Firefighting
- Crew Leader
- Sector Commander.

3.2 Captain

To be appointed as a Captain, the volunteer must have a minimum of five years of active operational experience and completed the following training:

- All requirements of Lieutenant
- Machine Supervision
- AIIMS 2017.

3.3 Fire Control Officer, Deputy Chief Control Officer and Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

To be appointed as a Fire Control Officer, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer or Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, the volunteer must have a minimum of five years of active operational experience and completed the training requirements equivalent to a Captain, plus:

- Fire Control Officer
- Incident Controller Level 1.


3.3 Drivers of Vehicles under Emergency Conditions

To be approved to drive a vehicle under emergency conditions the volunteer must:

- Have a current valid driver's licence for the class of vehicle
- Have undertaken an approved on-road driving course.

4. Strategic Objective

The policy aligns with the following strategic objective:

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|  | Strong civic leadership representing the whole of the Shire which engages in effective partnerships and reflects the aspirations of an engaged community. |
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5. Definitions

- Nil.

6. Legislation

- Nil.

7. Related Documents

- Nil.

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| Responsible officer | Director Infrastructure Services | | |
| Responsible team | Emergency Management | | |
| Responsible area | Waste and Safety | | |
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| Version 1 | 28.11.2006 | Resolution | 21263 |
| Version 2 | 12.08.2008 | Resolution | 08/350 |
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