

BFAC – Plantagenet 20th November 2024

1. Off Season Update

Preparations well under-way

Regional exercise – late August

Offering small bushfire exercises to LGs if they wanted a 'refresher' and/or opportunity to test ICC

Staff to Canada.

Northern fire season starting.

No clear picture of expectations for the upcoming fire season.

Nothing yet from Esperance fatality – don't relax, take all steps to ensure you and colleagues are safe.

Interestingly some shires are moving away from trailers and people on back of utes w/o handrails.

Katanning Ag Station – reporting soil moisture level extremely low. Lowest for last five years.

Regional Asset Process – Requires incidents being called in.

2. PAFTACS

Back to CBFCO and/or onto Comcen

Gives excellent overview to region of situation.

3. Alerts and Warnings – Focus Area 1

State Strategic Priority – All Hazards, inc Fire

AWS update – now nationally & hazard consistent.

Push notification facility via app planned to be in place for fire season.

Needs a warning map to be effective.

Online training available.

Emergency warning – now require use of telephone warning system

4. Air Assets – Focus Area 2

Importance of air assets.

Fixed wing – do not overlook LAT and helicopter support when required.

Region held an evening discussion forum planned for Oct 10th.

5. Machinery Use

LG to expend funds initially.

Must have prior approval prior to engagement

6. Mitigation Works Update

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