



Western Cape Umbrella Fire Protection Association NPC
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WCUFPA MONTHLY REPORT FOR JAN 2017

MEMBERS:

1. Southern Cape Fire Protection Association (SCFPA)
2. Greater Cederberg Fire Protection Association (GCFPA)
3. Cape Peninsula Fire Protection Association (CPFPA)
4. Winelands Fire Protection Association (WFPA)
5. MTO Cape
6. CapeNature

ACTIVITY REPORT:

SANRAL update:

The negotiations with SANRAL are complete and each of the FPAs have made contact with the relevant contractor route managers, established the correct lines of communication, finalised memberships and issued membership certificates.

GOFPA / SANRAL update:

There has still been no official response from the GOFPA. No invoice from GOFPA has been received by the WCUFPA so at this stage the funds from SANRAL have not yet been paid over to the GOFPA. Despite Louise's knowledge of the fact that SANRAL has paid via the WCUFPA the GOFPA has denied SANRAL membership stating non-payment as the reason. We are attempting to resolve this matter with Louise as we feel that for GOFPA to penalise the client at this stage is a bad reflection upon both the WCUFPA and the GOFPA.

Eskom Transmission update:

Having received no response from the acting Lines and Servitudes Manager, Tony Baloka, we have now requested the legal assistance of Jean du Plessis (who has positioned himself as a Veld & Forest Fire legal expert over several years). We have provided Jean with the history thus far and are hopeful that he will be able to guide us moving forward. Jean has since informed us that they are



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going to the Appeal Court on the 26th of February and that one of the issues to be addressed is the current definition of a landowner. He feels that once there is more clarity in this regard, we will have a much stronger case against Eskom. Currently the law would seem to be on Eskom's side with regards to the argument that not controlling land renders them not liable for FPA membership fees. He has therefore suggested that we wait until the end of March (or until the judgement has been received) before taking this matter any further. We will stay in touch with Jean and hopefully be in a better position to continue with this matter should the judgement be in our favour.

Transnet Freight Rail update:

We continue to work towards a result with Transnet but have unfortunately hit another obstacle. There is some disagreement with regards to the GIS data received and the applicable distances. Unfortunately, when delineating the data to the relevant depot, the data does not seem to correlate to the totals supplied by Danie Kotse. Transnet wants each depot to receive the correct invoice for the distances under their individual management. In our deliberations at the previous WCUFPA meeting, we established that there was a fourth depot to be included. Pierre is currently re-looking at this data in the hope that we can reach an agreement soonest.

DAFF Funding Request:

Each of the FPAs have received a draft questionnaire so that we can begin collecting the information required for our DAFF budget request. Unfortunately due to the busy wildfire season and the associated time constraints of the various FPA managers, minimal information has been received thus far. This item will be added to the agenda where a draft of the prepared request will be presented for feedback and comment.

Finances:

We are still awaiting the 2015/2016 Annual Financial Statements; the MIS and completed books have been submitted for auditing and SARS purposes.

The WCUFPA Business account stands at R 114551.50 .17 on the 10th Feb 2017.



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WCUFPA – WoF MOA

The draft MOA has been completed. We await feedback from Shane Christian before finalising this document.

State Compliance Letter

Although the letter was to be made available by 31 January 2017, upon follow-up, we were informed that it had to be returned to the office due to a change in the Deputy Director General. We have been assured that the letter is currently on its way to the minister's office and will be processed soonest. We will continue to follow-up.

DAFF unmanaged properties

As suggested by Braam at the previous EXCO meeting, we would like to raise our concerns over the unmanaged DAFF properties handed over from MTO's exit strategy. Philip and Dale attended the National Veld and Forest Fire Working Group Meeting in November where they raised this topic. They were however told that they should direct this to the Cape Town office. We have drafted a letter and are currently trying to pin point the correct DAFF contact person to direct this concern to.

Reporting of unlawful fires

As requested by Dale, the WCUFPA would like to raise concern over the reporting of unlawful fires as well as the lack of convictions and lack of enforcement of the Act in this regard. Philip has suggested that as custodians of the act, we should be requesting assistance from DAFF in this regard. This item will be up for discussion at the upcoming meeting.

WCUFPA NPO application

We have finally tracked the application which required some additional documentation. These items have been submitted and we should hopefully hear back in this regard soon. We now have acknowledgement of receipt and a reference as well as an email contact and will be able to keep track of the progress of the application moving forward.



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ICS pocket book

All feedback and comments were forwarded to Rodney Eksteen who was happy with the positive response and the general feeling that the project was of value.

Wildfire Updates for the season per FPA

Thank you to those of you who sent this information. I have attached a template to make this easier going forward and will send a reminder to each FPA each month.

CPFPA

Fire Name	Start	End	Causes	Ha
Hansekop Helderberg wildfire	03 January 2017	13 January 2017		5317 Ha
The personnel that the CPFPA facilitated were between 60 and 120 personnel per shift and the organisations included: Working on Fire, Volunteer Wildfire Services, Enviro Wildfire Services, NCC Environmental Services, City Biodiversity, Lourensford Estate firefighter personnel and Vergelegen Estate firefighter personnel. The teams from Working on Fire included teams from Helderberg, Mamre, Mitchell's Plain, Newlands, Walker Bay and two teams brought down from the Eastern Cape in the form of Cata and Longmore.				
Ocean View / Simon's Town wildfire	11 January 2017	13 January 2017		1265 Ha
Signal Hill wildfire	13 January 2017	13 January 2017		11.8 Ha
Deer Park wildfire	16 January 2017	17 January 2017		50.1 Ha

WFPA

924 fires attended from 1st November 2016 to 31st January 2017.

SCFPA

Data not yet received.



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GCFPA

Fire Name	Start	End	Causes	Ha
Kleinplasia - Citrusdal (GCFPA)	09 November 2016	12 November 2016	Human	1800
Halfmanshof	14 November 2016	14 November 2016	Human	185
Koringberg (WCDCM)	15 November 2016	15 November 2016	Electrical	500
Langvlei (Joseph Richter)	21 November 2016	21 November 2016	Mechanical	40
Wynkelder (GCFPA)	01 December 2016	01 December 2016	Human	0.1
Engelsmanskloof (WCNCB)	17 December 2016	29 December 2016	Negligence	28500
Piket Bo Berg (PDMC)	29 December 2016	29 December 2016	Human	25
Sneeuberg (WCNCB)	31 December 2016	01 January 2017	Natural	155
Ganzekraal (PDMC)	01 January 2017	01 January 2017	Undetermined	45
Moutons Valley 1 (PDMC)	01 January 2017	01 January 2017	Human	40
Klipkopmekaar (GCFPA)	03 January 2017	10 January 2017	Undetermined	15000
Moutonshoek Village (PDMC)	03 January 2017	03 January 2017	Undetermined	55
Moutons Valley 2 (WCDCM)	03 January 2017	03 January 2017	Undetermined	20
Voelvlei Piketberg (D. Rossouw)	07 January 2017	07 January 2017	Undetermined	200
Swartland (PDMC)	11 January 2017	11 January 2017	Undetermined	1200
Groot-Winterhoek (Burned from CWDM to GCFPA)	15 January 2017	24 January 2017	Human	24077
Voorgerg (GCFPA)	17 January 2017	17 January 2017	Electrical	65
Jakkalskloof (GCFPA)	20 January 2017	20 January 2017	Mechanical	45
Korhaanshoogte	07 February 2017	07 February 2017	Undetermined	15
Ganzekraal	08 February 2017	10 February 2017	Undetermined	2,0

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 28th Feb 2017 - WCUFPA EXCO Meeting. Jakkalsfontein Private Nature Reserve, Yzerfontien
- 28th Feb 2017 – WCUFPA Braai. Yzerfontien Caravan Park.
- 25th April 2017 - National Veld and Forest Fire Working Group Meeting.

Western Cape Umbrella Fire Protection Association NPC Executive Committee:

P. Prins (**Chairperson**), D. Nortje (**Vice-Chairperson**), S. Gallagher (**Manager**), P. Gallagher (**Treasurer**),
 P. Gerber, C. du Plessis, T. Marshall, B. du Preez, S. Christian, L. Du Plessis, B. Senekal, A. Robinson