



Western Cape Umbrella Fire Protection Association NPC
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WCUFPA MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCT 2016

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. Payment has been received by the WCUFPA and each of the FPAs (barring the GOFPA as discussed below) has in turn received payment. All the relevant details have been forwarded to each FPA and follow up needs to be done between the individual FPAs and relevant managers to complete membership. FPAs are requested to report back where no contact has been made with the relevant route managers.

GOFPA / SANRAL update:

Louise Wessels was informed of the decisions of the WCUFPA Executive Committee to charge the GOFPA a 20% admin fee for the SARAL negotiations. This was due to the fact that GOFPA are no longer members of the WCUFPA and should therefore not be able to enjoy the same benefits as WCUFPA members. The email was acknowledged by Louise Wessels who stated that they did not agree with this decision and that they would respond officially going forward. At this time we have had no official response.



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Eskom Transmission update:

Negotiations with Eskom have become increasingly difficult with no response from any of the people contacted. As agreed with Donald Matjuda at the recent EXCO meeting the draft MOA was sent through to them but we have yet to receive any response. Our contact Anré Swart has been unobtainable and we have now established that she has subsequently resigned so this could possibly be one of the reasons for her lack of communications. We are going to endeavour getting back on track with negotiations by making contact with the acting Lines and Servitudes Manager and will keep you updated in this regard.

Transnet Freight Rail update:

Thanks to the fact that TFR were well represented at the Stakeholders meeting we were able to make some decent progress in this regard. We are in the final stages of sorting out the depots and responsible line managers and will then proceed with invoicing TFR. Once payment has been received the same procedure will be followed as was followed with SANRAL. As was requested by TFR, no official MOA was required.

WCUFPA Strategic Plan:

As discussed at the recent EXCO meeting a questionnaire will be sent to each of the committee members in the near future. The information received will be used to put Phase 1 of the Strategic Plan into action.

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. The work group suggested for this task is as follows: Braam du Preez, Charl du Plessis, Philip Prins, Dale Nortje and Pierre Gallagher. FPA Managers are requested to please complete the draft questionnaire and to return this ASAP.



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NUFPA website:

The NUFPA website is now live and after review by the EXCO committee received positive feedback. A letter of appreciation has been sent to Henda Kellerman from GEF Fynbos Fire / Kishugu NPC and Norman Visser, the website designer. We are currently in the process of arranging a maintenance contract for the site via GEF.

Change of Directors:

The change of Director's have now successfully been updated with the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission and Department of Social Development. The WCUFPA banking details with reference to the three official signatories must also be amended to include Tony Marshall and I will liaise directly with Tony in this regard.

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 98 003.98 on the 8th Nov 2016.

Western Cape Summer Fire Season Launch:

The WCUFPA was supposed to give a presentation at the Western Cape Summer Fire Season Launch which was scheduled to take place on the 1st of December at the Morning Star Air Base. We have since received word that this event has now been cancelled due to budget cuts. It will however be replaced by a media day and although we do not yet have any further details we would like to ensure that we have a presentation ready should this be required. The presentation will incorporate all of the member FPA's and each of you has thus been asked to forward some information so that your FPA can be accurately represented in the presentation. A good selection of photos will also be required so should you be in possession of any photos which may legally be used please forward these to me accordingly.



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WCUFPA – WoF MOA

The draft MOA is in its final stages and will be forwarded to Shane Christian soonest for comment.

State Compliance Letter

The updated state compliance letter has been sent to Qaphela Ndabankulu for signature by either the Director General or Minister. Once the signed and updated letter has been received it will be forwarded to everyone accordingly.

Provincial prohibition of open fires

As requested a draft letter has been sent to the committee for feedback before being sent to the Provincial Fire Work Group. Dale's request was that the WCUFPA request that the Minister declares a prohibition within the Western Cape Province on open fires outside of designated areas, without a valid permit. Our concern is that there is no present legislation, that we are aware of, which makes provision for a prohibition and we cannot ask for a prohibition if this is not backed legally by an act. This matter is currently up for discussion before the matter is taken further.

SAWS FDI updates

An updated database was sent to Hugh van Niekerk so that the recipient list could be updated for the upcoming fire season. The additions and amendments have now been implemented and all the recipients of the SAWS FDIs should now be correct.

ICS pocket book

A draft copy of the Incident Response & Fireline Safety Pocket guide has been sent to each of you for comment. Please take the time to have a look and submit any feedback by the end of the year as discussed. This is the WCUFPA's opportunity to have a say and if no feedback is provided, the WCUFPA cannot at a later stage complain about incorrect or insufficient content.



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Provincial Fire Workgroup

The Provincial Fire Workgroup which took place in Cape Town earlier this month was attended by Dale Nortje. Dale is currently on leave but we will include feedback on any items of interest in next month's report.

WCUFPA UPDATES:

- WCUFPA EXCO and stakeholders meeting took place at Lourensford Wine Estate on the 6th of October 2016. Please refer to minutes for items covered.
- Dale Norjie was elected as the new Vice-Chairperson for the WCUFPA.
- Adrian Robinson is the new Chairperson for the WCUFPA and thus a new Executive Committee Member on the EXCO.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 30 Nov 2016 - GEF Fynbos Fire End of Project Celebration
- 1 Dec 2016 - Western Cape Summer Fire Season Launch: CANCELLED new details TBC
- 26 Jan 2017 - WCUFPA EXCO Meeting