



Western Cape Umbrella Fire Protection Association NPC
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WCUFPA MONTHLY REPORT FOR DEC 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. Most of the FPAs have been able to make contact with the relevant SANRAL / contractor route managers and have finalised memberships and established the correct lines of communication. I will ensure that the last few managers have been contacted and once confirmed will report back to Derek Wilson accordingly.

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.

Eskom Transmission update:

We have still been unable to move forward with our Eskom Transmission negotiations. The acting Lines and Servitudes Manager Tony Baloka has been unresponsive and we will now be seeking a legal opinion on this ongoing issue. Braam has kindly contacted Jean du Plessis (who has positioned himself as a Veld & Forest Fire legal expert over several years) and we are hopeful that he will be able to confirm a previous opinion as to where we stand in this matter.



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Transnet Freight Rail update:

We continue to iron out the last few discrepancies in order to finalise the total line distances for each depot. Unfortunately this process was stalled over the festive season and we hope to be in a position to invoice TFR 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. I will continue to follow up on the outstanding information until we are in a position to move forward 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. I plan to visit the offices of AJM Financial Services within the next few weeks and will follow up with AJ in this regard.

The WCUFPA Business account stands at R 114459.17 on the 9th Jan 2017.

WCUFPA – WoF MOA

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

State Compliance Letter

Hopefully the the updated state compliance letter will be available by 31 January 2017 as was undertaken. I will follow up accordingly if required.



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ICS pocket book

A draft copy of the Incident Response & Fireline Safety Pocket guide has been sent to all FPA Managers for comment. The latest copy was sent on the 19th of December 2016. Please ensure all feedback is submitted by the 15th of Jan 2017.

Wildfire Season Awareness and Preparedness Launch

The Wildfire Season Awareness and Preparedness Launch hosted by The Western Cape Government, Fire & Rescue services, took place at the Newlands Wildfire Base on the 12th Dec 2016. The season was opened by Local Minister Anton Bredell and was well attended, inclusive of: PDMC, SCFPA, GCFPA, CPFPA, WFPA, GOFPA, WCUFPA, Working on Fire, SanParks (inclusive of the new TMNP Park manager), CapeNaure, NCC Environmental Services, Enviro Wildfire Services, VWS and various representatives from the media.

Wildfire Updates for the season per FPA

Due to the time constraints being experienced by all we have no updates available at this time. Please could all FPA managers submit a list of the fires experienced thus far for inclusion in the next report.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 26 Jan 2017 - WCUFPA EXCO Meeting. **POSTPONED** New date to be advised.