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**To:** LCSC  
**Subject:** Submission for the Fireservices Reform

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Hi,

My name is Christopher Turner and I am a qualified Fire-fighter in the MFB. I have been doing this job for 5 years and love helping and working with my community. I'm currently based in the inner west, so therefore currently do not have much interaction with the CFA. Saying that I have proudly been a CFA volunteer with Emerald, and SES with Footscray so have an understanding how these services work.

I sure this is one of many submissions supporting reform in the Victorian fire service. I have attached a picture demonstrating why this reform must go ahead. This really happened and I can't help to think if this was my son or wife in this accident there would have been someone dispatched within 90 seconds of the call. The highlighted call came through @ 23.19 for car accident possible persons trapped. When this happens at my station a pumper or primary gets the call with the closest rescue. As this call shows Rescue 27 from MFB Nunawading and Bayswater CFA Pumper got the call. The Rescue was out the door quickly but the Pumper failed to even get a proper crew to assist. Only 2 volunteer fire-fighters turned up and no actual driver. How is this good for the people of Bayswater/Heathmont? Luckily the FSCC (our control centre dispatched Ringwood MFB to assist). The second highlighted box is a Page from one of the Bayswater lieutenants saying this is not good enough. I agree! Bayswater is no longer a sleepy country suburb; they have over 11,000 people living and working there. What if this was a house fire or an industrial accident. Minutes are lost. There needs to be reform, the borders need to be moved from the out-dated system that hasn't changed in decades. People deserve better. When I heard about this I felt you should be informed. This would not be an isolated incident with failure to respond in the busy volunteer stations. Volunteers work less and less in the stations area, and their lives are busier. I understand what the volunteers do is amazing but they are never guaranteed to turn out, be that because the people turn up at the station without the necessary skills for the job or not capable of driving therefore they are not able to turn out. This takes precious minutes away from the emergency and sadly these minutes cannot be taken back if someone is hurt.

This reform needs to be passed for the people that expect if they need help, it will be on its way as soon as possible. The FRV will only affect 35 integrated stations and will not even touch the thousand plus standalone volunteer stations. People expect 24 hour police coverage and 24 hour ambulance coverage in Metropolitan Melbourne, why should the not get guaranteed 24 hours Fire and EMR coverage.

Thanks for taking my submission.

Regards  
Chris Turner

