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Hello,

My Name is Len Allan and I am a Level 3 Career Fire Fighter based at Cranbourne CFA Intergrated Station. I have been a career Fire Fighter since march 2015 and thoroughly enjoy my job and the high standard of service we deliver to the community.

The reason I support the Fire Services Reform is that Cranbourne (Casey Shire) is one of the fastest growing suburbs in the country. When we get paged to an incident, we have no guarantee that any Volunteers will be arriving shortly after us to ensure there is enough capable bodies to make it safe, especially when we go to structure fires. The new Fire Services Reform will ensure that Hallam (our closest staff station) will also be paged to ensure we have a minimum of 7 professional fire fighters at each incident.

In February 2016 Cranbourne was paged to a shed fire in Cranbourne West, it was a 38 degree day and we had 4 staff on our truck. On Arrival the shed was well alight, one fire fighter ran the pump, the Officer ran the job and myself and the leading fire fighter were in breathing apparatus attacking the fire. The temperature inside the shed read 382 degrees on our thermal imaging camera. We had 3 Volunteers from a neighboring brigade turn up roughly 8 minutes after us, they had two in BA waiting to change over with us. Once our cylinders were empty (roughly 20 minutes) we came out and they went in, the LFF and I where extremely hot and needed to cool down, we had sat down for two minutes and the volunteers came back out and said they were too hot in there, so the LFF and I went straight back in. We appreciate the effort of the volunteers, it simply does not meet community expectations. If there was a victim to be rescued, the operation would be hindered by insufficient BA wearers.

The huge urban growth puts increased pressure on volunteers, it must all relate back to community safety and the reforms not only deliver that but ensures provisions are in place in the future to manage population growth and fire service delivery.

Regards

Len Allan



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