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Steven Davey
-Leading Firefighter
-Metropolitan Fire Brigade
-Long and Good Service Medal 25 years
-National Medal
-National Emergency Medal

I have been a firefighter with the MFB for 27 years serving most of my time at Footscray Fire Station but more recently at Laverton Fire Station. I have gained qualifications in Mk 2, Mk 3, Mk 4 and Mk 5 pumpers and pumper tankers, water tanker, platform, ladder platform, wildfire, emergency medical support and spent many years on the decontamination unit and transporter when they were stationed at Footscray.

In that time I have attended thousands of calls including countless house and car fires, factory and grass fires, chemical spills, heart attacks, suicides, car accidents, overdoses, various rescues and other incidents. During my time attending incidents at Footscray I always had confidence in the knowledge that another well trained crew had been responded, and would be not far away to 'back us up'. I soon learned that at Laverton, that was not always the case.

In such a densely populated and quickly growing area I find it astounding that part of the population is still relying on someone to leave their work, get in their car, drive to the Fire Station, get dressed, wait for a crew to assemble(hopefully), get in the truck and then make their way to the call.

I doubt that the general population of these areas are aware of this, but if they are, they should be outraged. It is after all their homes, their businesses and their FAMILIES at risk.

Growing up in rural Victoria in a family of volunteers, volunteering myself and marrying an SES volunteer, I understand the great and selfless work they do. This however should not be confused with providing a full time professional service where it is needed. I would like to think that my volunteering would not come before the safety and wellbeing of the community.

I would also like to add that I find it offensive that for over a year now I have been called a thug and a bully by certain media and individuals, for simply doing my job (ie. saving life and property).

This has deeply affected myself, my family and my workmates and therefore look forward to seeing an end to this toxic political mess.

Yours Sincerely
Steven Davey

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