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My Name is Michael McMahon and I'm a Leading Fire-fighter in the MFB.

I have been in this organisation for six years come August this year.

In this time I have mainly been stationed at outer Eastern stations that are bordered by Cfa stations of which some as volunteer and some full time staffed.

I have spent time at Templestowe Fire Station and mostly Ringwood Fire Station and Vermont Sth Fire Station.

I don't have any interest in making this submission a mudslinging fight as the committee would need to sit for many months if you were to try and sift through all the wrong doings of some volunteer brigades. My main focus is safety and the safety/care of residents of Melbourne and greater Melbourne.

My main concern with safety is to ensure at all times whilst battling a fire we have seven qualified fire-fighters on the fire ground. This shouldn't be a nice thing to aim for it should be reality. There is always a need for two ba operators and two back up operators. The numerous amounts of times we have turned out from example Ringwood fire station to a house fire or car fire in the Bayswater region to discover they have a crew on scene but not enough operators to either start fire fighting duties or to continue them. They also then tend to work on their own and putting there's and others safety at risk.

My greatest concern with safety to the public is our EMR program. For example my mate lives in Croydon Hills and lives on the wrong side of the road. He lives in CFA area and pays a higher fire levy than if he lived on the other side of the road yet he receives no EMR coverage. This is a disgrace and needs to be resolved as soon as possible. The whole idea you pay more for less service not only for EMR but total fire coverage is unacceptable. Only tonight did we have our on shift Commander present two certificates to my work crew with resuscitation saves, that's two people out in our community tonight alive due to the service we have provided. The stats show how many lives we save which is a credit to our training and professionalism.

Overall for someone fairly new in the workplace I have grown tired of all the political game that has gone on in the last few years and I see FRV as the light at the end of tunnel. I hope to have a lengthy career ahead however I can't go through this every three years in my career neither can my close family and friends.

Regards  
Michael McMahon

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