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My name is Mark Thomson and I am a PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTER with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade . I hold the rank of Leading Fire Fighter. I have passed numerous aspects of training in order to gain promotion to this rank. By holding the rank of Leading Fire Fighter I am able to be in charge of a station if required, in charge of an appliance if required and mentor younger more inexperienced fire fighters in the organisation.

I work in Hawthorn, we have a GUARANTEED RESPONSE in under 90 seconds and on scene in under 8 minutes for anything from fires to car accidents to cardiac arrests to drug overdoses to entrapments among the many variables of calls for help that the MFB receive .

This is a GUARANTEED RESPONSE. In a fire, if you do not have help in under 8 minutes you do not have a chance of surviving.

We have a GUARANTEED MEDICAL RESPONSE for someone having a heart attack , difficulties breathing, drug overdoses. Time is critical and we are quite often on scene before an ambulance to begin lifesaving actions.

I live in Mooroolbark which has a CFA station.

In this fully urbanised suburb of Melbourne we still only have a volunteer brigade. This brigade does not offer a guaranteed response with many occasions where there is a failure to respond at all. This brigade also does not offer EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE. In a medical situation time is CRITICAL.

In other parts of Mooroolbark they have some coverage from the MFB in Croydon . This gives them a GUARANTEED response to a fire or medical emergency .

HOW CAN PART OF MELBOURNE BE SAFER AND THEIR RESIDENTS BE SAFER THAN OTHERS, DON'T ALL CITIZENS DESERVE THE SAME FIRE SAFETY RESPONSE?

Living in the CFA area also means that I pay a higher Fire Services Levy yet I receive an INFERIOR service that cannot guarantee my families safety.

Our Fire Services are out of date and these changes will be bring them back to some of the best in the world. This city and it's surrounding smaller cities need PROFESSIONALS who can GUARANTEE a response.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission .

Regards

Leading Fire Fighter  
Mark Thomson

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