



# Lyndoch CFS Grapevine Article – August 2008



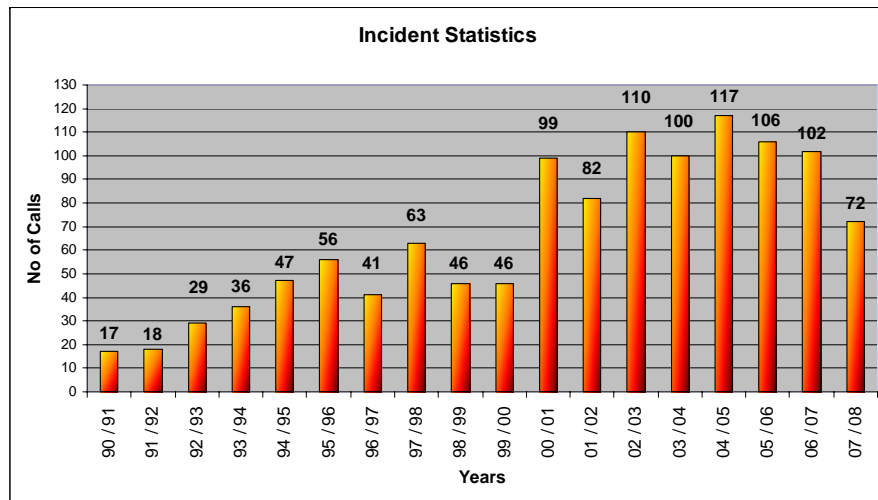
## Callouts

### Statistics for 2007 / 2008

We've now entered another financial year and as a brigade we spend a little time looking at what we have responded too over the last 12 months. The table below shows the breakdown of incidents over the last 12 months.

110 - Building Fire	2	539 - Tree Down	1
150 - Mobile Property (Vehicle Fire)	4	540 - Other Assistance	2
162 - Scrub / Grass Fire	2	621 - Investigation (Smoke)	3
163 - Grass or Stubble Fire	8	623 - Equipment Malfunction (CFS)	1
180 - Outside Rubbish Fire	7	709 - Fixed Alarm	10
322 - Vehicle Accident with Injuries	4	751 - Private Fire Alarm	2
352 - Vehicle Accident with No Injuries	6	901 - Cover Assignment	1
430 - Heat Related Electrical	1	921 - Did Not Arrive (Stop Call)	3
520 - Assist Other Agencies	1	Strike Team / Task Force	6
530 - Severe Weather	8		

For more information visit the Lyndoch CFS web site and click on the Callouts Details box on the left hand side of the main page.



### Vandalism

It is disappointing to see that for the first time, the side wall of the Brigade Station has been tagged by individuals within our community. This incident happened on the evening of Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July and those concerned left their tags in gold paint on the shed. It seems that this was not their only target that night – the school and the back of the council offices were also targeted. This matter has been referred to the Williamstown Police.

### General Warning to the Community

**IF YOU HAVE HALOGEN DOWNLIGHTS IT IS WORTH YOUR TIME TO CHECK THAT THEY ARE NOT A FIRE WAITING TO HAPPEN.**

Media reports in the past have highlighted the problems that can be caused by halogen downlights whether they are 12 volt transformer type or 240 volt type.

These downlights generate enormous amounts of heat during operation. A fire caused by an overheating downlight recently destroyed a house undergoing renovations in Adelaide.

Some of the fire risks are:

- Halogen downlights placed next to timberwork in the roof space.
- Halogen downlights surrounded by insulation.
- Halogen downlight transformers not properly fixed to allow adequate ventilation.
- Wiring for halogen downlights resting against the light fixture.

If you have observed any malfunction of your downlights e.g. lights dimming, cutting out or perhaps blowing globes on a regular basis or have any doubts about your downlights, please have them checked by an electrician as soon as possible.

### Brigade Annual General Meeting?

All brigade members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting of the SA Country Fire Service – Lyndoch Brigade is to be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2008. This is not an election year although some positions may become vacant requiring nominations. It would be greatly appreciated if all members could attend this meeting. Thank you.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR LOCAL CFS BRIGADE, VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT [www.lyndochcfs.com.au](http://www.lyndochcfs.com.au)

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### Fire station attended:

7.30pm to 9.30pm Wednesdays - Phone (08) 8524 5623 Fax: (08) 8524 5128

### Training:

Every Wednesday commencing at 7.30pm at the fire station.