



Lyndoch CFS

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Safety on the Roads

As at writing this article (25/06), we have just returned from another vehicle accident. Fortunately no one was injured. This along with other incidents recently attended in the Lyndoch Area highlights a number of things we as Road users need to understand.

SA Police along with the Motor Accident Commission talk about the **Fatal 5**:

- Vehicle Speed
- Drink Driving / Drug Driving
- Inattention and Complacency
- Not wearing seatbelts
- Fatigue



It was noted by all at the incident today (including SAPOL) the inattentiveness of road users. At incidents CFS along with SA Police set up traffic management, the same system used by Road Crews doing maintenance on the roads – STOP SLOW bats.

It seems that a number of people fail to understand the meaning of the word STOP / SLOW or worse think it doesn't apply to them. One particular driver this morning said to the CFS member managing the traffic – he didn't stop because the operator was not standing directly behind the sign. This was not the only occurrence this morning – another driver completely ignored the STOP sign and proceeded through unaware of traffic coming the other way. Another individual was irate that he had been stopped and wanted to know how long he was going to be waiting as he was running late to an appointment. To all of these individuals – STOP thinking about only yourselves and think of others – more importantly leave a little earlier and drive to the conditions – the road is NOT a racetrack.

A number of other drivers gave what may only be described as “dirty looks” to the crews managing the traffic – at the end of the day, we are trying to manage a situation and find common ground for all users to be able to travel safely by the incident scene.

We also want to remind all road users that 40km/h is the current speed allowed when passing any incident where Red / Blue flashing beacons are being used. It is currently going through Parliament to have this reduced to 25km/h.

We deploy traffic management at incidents for the safety of crews working at the scene as well as for you, the general public. The CFS members, out in all weather are volunteers who have delayed going into work to provide a service for / to the community.

A New Station at last!

At last, after many years, Station Plans have now been forwarded and colours chosen. A few minor changes have been requested and we shall have to wait and see. Lyndoch is entitled to a 2 bay station with Administration area. Hopefully we shall see things start shortly.

Part 5 – Support Roles within the Brigade

In this final part we will look at the Support Roles available within the Brigade

There is generically one role that all Brigades have and that is what is termed Brigade Operational Support. This role is quite broad and caters for:

- Those members of the brigade who wish to step down from Operational Status (through Age, Time Commitments or Medical Conditions).
- Members of the community who want to assist a volunteer organisation but do not wish to be out there at the pointy end.

The Brigade always looks for people to undertake:

- Administration – Radio Communications Operator
- Refurbish appliances when returning from long / protracted incidents
- General Repairs and maintenance / handyman type on equipment
- Catering assistance for protracted incidents.

If you are interested in one of these roles, please contact the brigade on a Wednesday training night.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR LOCAL CFS BRIGADE, VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT 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.