



**Shire of York
Bush Fire Response Plan**

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Aim, Activation of Plan & Objectives

Aim

The aim of this plan is to reduce the occurrence and minimise the impact of bush fires within the Shire of York.

Activation of Plan

Plan will be activated in the following circumstances;

- When there is the report of a fire when the Fire Behaviour Index is greater than 40
- In the case of an escalating Grass or Bush Fire
- Under the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer's directive
- DFES Regional Duty Officer's recommendation

Objectives

- To identify resources available for fire suppression
- To coordinate fire suppression resources within the Shire
- To provide action procedures governing mutual aid between authorities
- To define a coordinated radio communication network for fire suppression
- To provide procedures for coordination of support functions
- To provide a fast initial attack and rapid build-up of fire suppression forces if required
- To define by prior nomination the officers responsible for Incident Control

Distribution List

Organisation
Shire of York – Website
York Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service
York Volunteer Fire & Emergency Services
York Local Emergency Management Committee
Talbot, Burges, Malebelling and Greenhills Bush Fire Brigades
York Police Station

Review Responsibility

The responsibility to review and update this document rests with the CEO of the Shire of York, as the Local Government is determined as the Hazard Management Agency (HMA) for fire on local government lands. This responsibility may be delegated by the CEO. It is anticipated that other agents will participate (i.e. Bush Fire Advisory Committee and the LEMC)

Review Schedule

This document will be reviewed at the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting in **April yearly** unless an earlier review is recommended by the Bush Fire Advisory Committee. Contact details will be reviewed by the CESM and the Shire of York CEO (or delegate) annually prior to the Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting. The Bush Fire Advisory committee will endorse the plan as effective at the pre-season meeting annually.

Review History (Amendment List)

Review Number	Date	Plan Section	Reviewed by
Original	September 2007	All	BFAC
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Review 1	November 2016	All	A/CESM
Review 2	November 2016	All	A/AO
Review 3	January 2017	All	A/CESM
Review 4	July 2018	All	CESM
Review 5	October 2021	All	CESM
Review 6	December 2022	All	CESM

Shire of York Local Government Area

General Description

The Shire of York is located in the Southwest of the central wheat belt with the town site is situated 98 kilometres east of Perth, with the nearest regional centre being Northam, 37 kilometres to the North.

The Shire covers 2133 square kilometres and has a growing population as a West Australian regional Shire. The growth is due mainly to the development of special Rural Sub-divisions and in more recent times development of new housing within the town site itself.

The Shire has a population of approximately 3500 compared with 3100 a decade ago. There are approximately 1550 dwellings of which approximately 1200 are situated inside the town site. New dwellings are constantly being built within the Shire.

The Shire's primary industries are broad acre farming, tourism (in excess of 220 000 visitors annually) and extractive industries.

Specific Bushfire Risk - Present environment affecting fire

The Shire has an increasing number of small landholders, which in itself has created an environment that has increased the values and the potential for more fire.

The major fire threats to the district are cereal harvesting, hay transporting, ARC Infrastructure activities, and activities on small rural lots. Major road links also pass through the Shire. The threats within the town sites consist of houses, hotels, service stations, light industry, public buildings and the transport of hazardous materials by both rail and road.

There are special high-risk areas within the Shire. These include;

- Parks & Wildlife (P&W) reserves in the Talbot Brook Water Catchment area, Avon River, Mt Brown, Greenhills Town site, Mt Bakewell (Dyott Range) and Gwambygine Park
- Environmental tree planting and tree plantations
- Hilly country bordering from town boundary extending West on both sides of the Great Southern Highway for approximately six kilometres
- Mackie Hay (Hay Export Facility)
- The summer weather pattern has a ramification on fire behaviour within the Shire. Lightning strikes are one of the largest causes of fire. Constantly high temperatures with hot gusty North Easterly winds causes suppression difficulties if a fire is given time to escalate

Environmental & Cultural Issues

Consideration to be given to the following areas;

- Avon River Reserve
- St Ronan's Well – heritage and rare flora
- Mount Brown – rare flora
- Mount Bakewell – rare flora
- Indigenous Heritage Sites have been identified at both Gwambygine – Great Southern Highway and York – Quairading Road sites
- Dieback within P&W managed forest areas

Land Use

- The Shire of York has three town sites within its borders.
 - The town of York is the main town site consisting of approximately 1200 dwellings and includes satellites of special rural sub-divisions areas. The Town site area is gazetted under the Fire Brigades Act 1942 and as such is serviced by the York Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service. The Avon River flows through the centre of town, posing a high fire risk. Due to environmental constraints the reserve has not been managed and fuel loads are extremely high. Rocky and hilly terrain surrounds the town making access to semi-rural dwellings very difficult.
 - The town of Greenhills has a hotel/function centre bakery and approximately 10 other buildings. There is also a CBH facility within the town. Tourist buses frequent the town. The town is surrounded by open grass land and broad acre farming is conducted right up to boundary of the town. Fire protection is provided by the Greenhills Bush Fire Brigade.
 - The town of Kauring has approximately 25 dwellings. Bordering on bushland, it has little fire protection. Degree of accessibility is reduced due to the Boonmull Gully running through the township.
- The semi-rural sector of the shire is growing rapidly with many hobby farmers moving to the area. These include new subdivisions abutting on to bushland and steep terrain. The fire risk in this rural sector is increased by the potential of the irresponsible use of welders, angle grinders, slashers, ride on mowers and recreational vehicles during the fire season. There are also a high percentage of absentee landowners in this sector.
- The major commercial businesses that are of note are Mackie Hay Export Hay Enterprise on the York Quairading Road and the Wood Yard/ Straw storage trucking centre on Gt Southern Hwy (South).

Specific Hazards

Industrial operations that may pose significant hazards to fire fighters include:

- EMFERT fertiliser facility
- CBH grain handling facility
- Gilmac/Mackie Hay export facility
- York Light Industrial Area
- Farm hay and machinery sheds

Special Risks

Flora

- Within P&W reserves in the Talbot Brook Water Catchment area in the south west of the Shire
- Environmental Tree planting and tree plantations
- Within the Mt Bakewell, Mt Brown and St Ronan's Well areas

Outdoor Recreation Areas

- Hang gliding from Mt Bakewell. Access routes are permission limited
- Ultralight plane flying school and club, Whitegum Farm airstrip, Cameron Road
- Offroad recreation vehicle area / Motocross Track, Spencers Brook York Road
- York Racecourse horse racing track, Spencers Brook York Road
- Avon River walking trails
- Mt Brown walking trails, access tracks and mountain bicycle tracks

Infrastructure

- Many communication towers are situated on Mt Bakewell, Police, Radio repeaters VHF and UHF and a Vodafone tower. Mt Bakewell has natural vegetation and scrublands on its slope with limited access
- The repeater for Ambulance communication is situated on Mt Brown. Mt Brown also has natural vegetation and scrublands throughout with firebreaks in place. One access point off Quairading – York Road has been blocked by Water Corporation with chains and logs.

Private Properties

Special Rural Sub-divisions as described in land use above.

Restricted Access

- Limited access is available to the Avon River within the town site
- There are locked gates in place at the Wambyn Reserve. Keys are accessible from either York Shire, York Ranger, York 4.4 or Talbot 3.4
- Access to the southern side of Mount Brown is difficult. The Water Corporation has placed chains and logs across access tracks
- Access to Mount Bakewell is difficult and only available through private property
- Access to the West & East sides of the Avon River are controlled with padlocked chains across the tracks. Keys are held by York Shire, CESM Beverley/York, York VFES and York VFRS, River Conservation Society and York ST JOHN'SA

Water Resources

Helitacs (Helicopter water resources) dedicated loading zones

- Garry Lawrence's Farm Dam - Cut Hill Road
- School dam – Ulster Road
- EMFERT (collar tank) – 134 Burges Siding Road
- Clive Owens Farm Dams – 823 West Talbot Road
- Denis Luelf Farm Dams – Luelf Road and Clifton Road
- Blue Pool – Talbot West Road
- Fairclough's Farm – 1195 Talbot Road
- Hawksley Farm – Cubbine Road
- York VFES Portable Collar Tank – 26 Maxwell Street

Water tanks

- Talbot Hall – Talbot Hall Road
- Greenhills BFB fire shed – Greenhills Road
- Malebelling BFB fire shed – Sees Road and Quellington Road
- Burges Siding BFB fire shed – Boyercutty Road
- York VFES Portable Collar Tank and fast fill pump trailer – 26 Maxwell Street

Shire and Privately owned Water tankers

54000 L available. Listed in resources.

Standpipes

Standpipes are available to fill all appliances and tankers at;

- Mannavale Road
- Gwambygine (Electronic swipe card) - Great Southern Highway
- Railway Road (Electronic swipe card) x York – Quairading Road
- Lincoln Street (Electronic swipe card) x Panmure Road
- Burges Siding (Electronic Swipe Card) x York – Spencers Brook Road
- Hamersley Siding x York – Spencers Brook Road
- Shire of York Depot – Maxwell Street
- CBH Greenhills, Hydrant next door to Hotel – Greenhills Road
- York VFES Building, Hydrant - Maxwell Street

Incident Notification

The normal notification of a fire is through the Local Government '000' service agreement system.

Spontaneous Volunteers

Definition

There is no specific reference to spontaneous volunteers in the Bushfire Act, Emergency Management Act or Fire & Emergency Services Act. An "unregistered" volunteer means a person who has not registered as a volunteer but chooses to engage in volunteer activities.

Spontaneous Volunteers on a fireground

A fireground is a high-risk environment. Registered Volunteers are asked **not** to issue instructions to Spontaneous Volunteers on the fireground.

The Incident controller is required to take steps to ensure that **no** participation instructions are issued to a Spontaneous Volunteer.

Spontaneous Volunteers that choose to remain on the fireground do so at their own risk.

Registered Volunteers

Definition

A Registered Volunteer means a person who has registered as a volunteer with the Shire of York and satisfied minimum pre-qualification and training requirements. All Registered Volunteers will have a **DFES Registration no.**

Responding as a Registered Volunteer

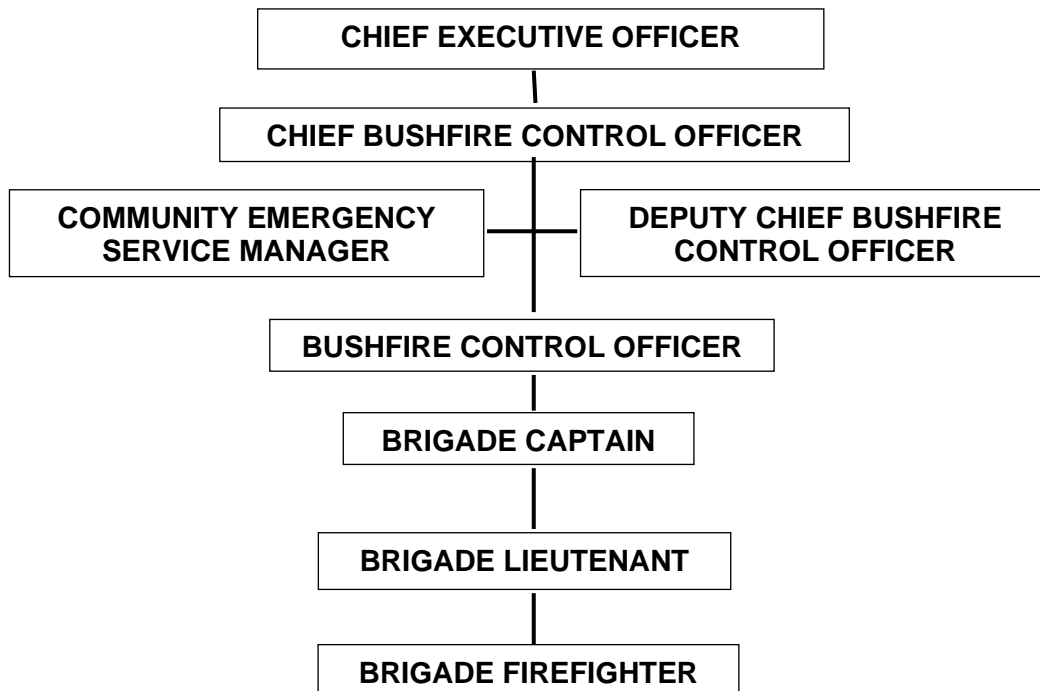
Responding as a registered volunteer means that you are required to comply with the normal practices, procedures and safety requirements including wearing appropriate PPE and footwear. Please refer to the **Safety Protocols** in this document for further information.

Refer to The Policy and Procedures Manual for all Standard Operating Procedures on a Fireground

Operation of Private Vehicles on a fireground

Registered Volunteers that mobilise private vehicles to a fire or to investigate a potential fire (whilst discharging their duties under the Bushfire Act) are covered by the Shire of York's insurance policies. Like any insurance, cover is subject to the specifics of the incident e.g., road rules being followed etc.

Private vehicles that are **not** operated by **Registered Volunteers** are **not** covered by the Shire of York's insurance policies. Registered Volunteers are asked not to issue instructions to private vehicle operators if they are not being operated by a Registered Volunteer.



Current 000 SERVICE AGREEMENT for SHIRE of YORK

In order to advise Local Government of 000 calls promptly it is suggested that contacts are 24/7 numbers.

The 4th contact will always be DFES Regional Duty Coordinator

No more than 3 contacts per LGA will be recorded.

Our 24-hour, 365-day emergency 000 contacts from the Communications Centre are as follows:

- 1 Shire of York CBFCO Wayne Collins Mobile (All Hrs) 0417 099 589
- 2 Shire of York CESM Troy Granville Mobile (All Hrs) 0427 057 719
- 3 Shire of York DCBFCO Warrick McGregor Mobile (All Hrs) 0429 932 025
- 4 DFES Goldfields Midlands Regional Duty Co-Ordinator 1800 966 077

Local Notifications

- UHF (Channel 5) and VHF (Channel 353 High band) radio
- SMS Messaging
- CBFCO to be contacted immediately as well as the nearest FCO to the fire.
- At the earliest opportunity the Officer in Charge will report the situation to DFES Communication Centre. (Refer Bushfire Policy & Procedures Manual – Appendix 1)
- The FCO (Fire Control Officer) will, if the fire is under control and no further assistance is required, cancel other brigades on route to the fire by use of the DFES Communication Centre, VHF radio and the pager systems.
- Additional resources can be coordinated through the York Community Emergency Services Manager, Shire Ranger or DFES Communications Centre (ComCen)
- All fires are to be reported to DFES District Office, Northam **(ALL HOURS PHONE: 1800 966 077) during the prohibited burning period**

During Restricted Burning Periods

- At the commencement of the Restricted Burning Times in November and at the end of the Restricted Burning Times in April, each call will be assessed on receipt of the 000 emergency telephone call and a decision as to how many brigades will be turned out will be made. This turn out must still be carried out through the use of the SMS service so that other brigades are aware of the fire and can commence to make themselves available if required.

During Prohibited Burning Periods

- On receipt of a '000' fire emergency telephone call the Senior Officer, in consultation with other officers involved with the call will cause a SMS to be made turning out a minimum of two (2) brigades + York VFES to every fire. The two (2) remaining brigades shall be put on "Standby" until such time as they are called to the fire or stood down.
- The brigades on 'Standby' are determined by the location of the fire that being the two furthest brigades from the fire's location.
- On days of 'Extreme' and above Fire Danger Rating all brigades shall be turned out on receipt of a '000' fire call.
- All fires are to be reported to DFES Regional Duty Coordinator (RDC - ALL HOURS PHONE: **1800 966 077) during the prohibited burning period**

During Unrestricted Burning Periods

- On receipt of a '000' fire emergency telephone call, a minimum of one unit from the brigade in whose area the fire is located, will be turned out to check every report of a fire regardless of the belief that it is a controlled fire until the fire is confirmed as being under control by radio, telephone, or visit.

Handover Protocols

To provide support to local governments and Bush Fire Brigades, the Bush Fires Act 1954 was amended to enable a local government to request that DFES, under Section 13(4):

Where a bush fire is burning in the district of a local government the Authority may, at the request of the local government, authorise a bush fire liaison officer to take control of all operations in relation to that fire.

Handover Protocol continued

This section has been amended to allow a DFES Bush Fire Liaison Officer (BFLO) or another person to take control of a bush fire burning on Local Government or Conservation land at the request of the Local Government or the CALM Act CEO, or due to the nature and extent of the fire, DFES may, without a request, authorise a BFLO or another person to take control of a fire.

When DFES authorises the BFLO or another person to take control of the fire that person has control of all Bush Fire Control Officers, Bush Fire Liaison Officers, authorised CALM Act Officers and Officers and members of Bush Fire Brigades present at the fire.

Any person who is not a BFLO and is authorised under this section has same powers as a BFLO.

Bushfire	Definition	Action	Notification
<p align="center">Level 1</p> <p><u>Small Incident</u></p>	<p>A level 1 incident is characterised by being able to be resolved through the use of local or initial response resources only. In a level 1 incident the major function is operations, that is, to resolve the incident. Control of the incident is limited to the immediate area, and, therefore, the operations function can usually be carried out by the Incident Controller. Being relatively minor, the other functions of planning, public information, and logistics, will, generally be undertaken concurrently by the Incident Controller.</p> <p>A level 1 incident is typically characterised by the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local response/resources required • No significant issues • Single or limited multi agency response (day to day business) • Minimal impact on community • Low risk of incident escalation 	<p>Manage incident from within Local Government resources.</p>	<p align="center">Brigades advise LGA</p>
<p align="center">Level 1</p> <p><u>Multiple Incidents</u></p>	<p>A number of simultaneous minor fires (4) occurring on days of very high or extreme fire danger.</p>	<p>Consider managing incidents as per Type 2 incident.</p> <p>Ensure IMT is established commensurate to the incidents</p>	<p align="center">Local Government advises DFES District Office</p>
<p align="center">Level 2</p> <p><u>Medium Incident</u></p>	<p>A level 2 incident is characterised by being more complex either in size, resources required, or risk involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deployment of resources beyond initial response • Sectorisation of the incident • The establishment of functional sections due to the level of complexity 	<p>Ensure IMT is established commensurate to the incident.</p> <p>Request IMT support if required.</p> <p>Consider: Activating the Incident Management Group which is the operational arm of the LEMC</p>	<p align="center">Local Government advises DFES District Office.</p>
<p align="center">Level 3</p> <p><u>Large Incident</u></p>	<p>A level 3 incident is characterised by the degree of complexity that may require the establishment of divisions for effective management of the situation. These incidents will usually involve delegation of all functions.</p>	<p>Establish fully resourced IMT</p> <p>Activate the Incident Management Group</p>	<p align="center">Local Government advises DFES District Office</p>

Initial Appliance & Resource Turnout

Incident Classification for Local Government Bush Fire Brigades

Incident response will be indicated as a result of consideration of the following factors

- Grassland Fire Danger Index
- Nature of asset at risk
- Size of fire at time of notification

Current List of Members

Please refer to **Appendix 3** of this document for a contact list for active members of all Brigades.

Refer to the Local Government or Brigade listings, or to the DFES OMS database for a comprehensive listing of all current records, including DFES training competencies.

Alternatively, for a current list of all Brigade Captains, FCOs and office bearers refer to the current edition of the DFES regional directory.

Availability Rosters

There are no formal on call rosters for the volunteer Bush Fire Brigades within the Shire of York.

A DFES ComCen SMS is sent out to registered BFB member mobile phones and message subsequently published on the applicable BFB WhatsApp groups.

York Bush Fire Brigade Resources

YORK APPLIANCES		
Location/ Vehicle ID	Call Sign	Selcall Number
Maxwell Street – 4.4R	York 4.4	26414
Talbot Road – 2.4R	Talbot 2.4	26415
Greenhills Road 3.4R	Greenhills 3.4	26401
Sees Road – 4.4R	Malebelling 4.4	
Boyercutty Road – 1.4R	Burges 1.4	

PRIVATE RESOURCES-APPLIANCES		
Owned by	Vehicle Type	Contact
Graham Bishop	2 x 3.4 R	
Peter Boyle	3.4R	
Walter Johnson	3.4R	
Tony Boyle	2.2R	
Graham Penny	3.4R	
Gary Sargent	3.4R	
Peter Monger	3.4R	

PRIVATE RESOURCES-TANKERS

Owned by	Quantity	Contact
Peter Boyle	7000L	
Andrew Boulton	7000L	
Marty Brennan	9000L	
Grant Humphrey	4000L	
Lance Ludgate	12 000L	
Tony Robinson	4000L	
Erin Emin	2000L	

Australian Interagency Incident Management System (AIIMS)

1. DFES, P&W and the Shire of York adopt the Australasian Interagency Incident Management System (AIIMS)
2. All agencies recognize the AIIMS and its establishment on the fire ground through the formation of an Incident Management Team (IMT).
3. At all multi agency incidents, all agencies will recognise a single IMT normally identified through a common Incident Control facility.
4. Regardless of jurisdictional and geographic boundaries, agency command structures are utilised through the formation of divisions or sectors or through the appointment of liaison officers;
5. If appropriate, the Incident Controller is encouraged to nominate expertise of other fire agencies as formal members of the IMT;
6. At level 3 multi-agency incidents, the appointment of an Incident Controller is by the FES Commissioner.
7. The designated Incident Controller has the decision-making authority at the incident and is respected by all services and rank.

Incident Management Structure

Level One (1) Incident

Initial responding officer will maintain Incident Control (IC). It is conceivable that this officer may maintain logistics and planning functions, but may pass operations to another officer, if the incident requires this.

Will contact ComCen and give SITREP every half hour

A report to the CBFCO shall be made.

The incident will probably be made safe within less than 8 hours, with minor disruption to the community.

Local Brigade resources will be sufficient to contain and patrol until safe.

**** REMINDER THAT REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS MUST NOT ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO SPONTANEOUS VOLUNTEERS****

Level Two (2) Incident

The escalation to a “level II” incident would be obvious when the initial response is insufficient to manage the incident, due to its scale or complexity. It is conceivable that the competencies required for the control of the incident would be such that a senior officer (CBFCO) would be required or a DFES manager to relieve the first arriving officer, who may take a lesser role in the incident management structure.

A full Incident Management (IMT) structure will be implemented, using the AIIMS structure. Officers should be fully competent in the roles that they will occupy at the level they are expected to operate.

It is likely that the time to control may be greater than 8 hours (potentially days) with significant community involvement.

It is also likely that significant external resources would be required to supplement local ones. The DFES Regional Duty Officer will be involved, if only for coordination functions. Reporting to the Regional DFES Office should be regular and accurate.

If it is apparent that the incident may escalate beyond local resources, or become more significant in terms of losses, the actioning of a Transfer of Control under Section 13 of DFES or Section 45 of DBCA should occur.

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Level Three (3) Incident

For an incident of this size and/or complexity, the IC should have already established contact with the Regional Duty Officer of DFES for assistance.

At this stage, significant assistance should have been gained from DFES and resources from surrounding local governments. DFES through Section 13 or DBCA through Section 45 would take control at this stage.

The OIC and the remainder of persons within the IMT should have sufficient competencies for any functions that they are to perform.

**** REMINDER THAT REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS MUST NOT ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO SPONTANEOUS VOLUNTEERS****

Mobilisation Arrangements & Plans Across Districts

Response to requests for assistance from outside agencies

Informal contingency arrangements exist with neighbouring Shires for cross border response. DFES Duty Officer to be contacted to assist.

Communications

Monitored by Community Emergency Services Manager and all FCO's

The Shire of York uses the **DFES VHF** radio network **CHANNEL 353** for normal operations.

Where possible, sectorisation of the fire should take place and each sector should be allocated a Simplex channel (i.e. channels 354,355,356 or 359).

Communications Continued

In addition, the Shire also **monitors the UHF** repeater frequency, **CHANNEL 5**, as used by the farming community and is in a position to respond on UHF radio to farming units.

Communications Channels

Local Authority (Area)	DFES 6IP Repeater Network	Primary Shire Repeater Channel		Primary Simplex Channels		DEC Repeater Network
York	328		353	354	356	9
Northam	328		329	357	354	9
Mundaring	328		346	357	356	9
Beverley	328		108	357	356	9
Cunderdin	328		164	356	357	n/a

Communications Redundancy Plan

- Table of radio channels as above
- DFES Communications trailer. To be arranged via the duty officer. Likely positions for communications trailer dependent on fire direction and weather, Mt Brown, Cut Hill, Mt Bakewell or the VFES building.

Control Point Requirements

Description	Service	Contacts
Level 1 Minor Incident	CESM Vehicle or Senior FCO vehicle at site of fire with maps, VHF and UHF radios, tabards and documentation	0427 057 719 Call sign CESM Beverley/York
Level 1 Multiple Incidents Or Level 2 Medium Incident	DFES Northam's Incident Control Vehicle or Emergency Service Building	Sat phone: 0420 107 326 York VFES - Maxwell Street Ph: 9641 1546
Level 3	Emergency Service Building	Ph: 9641 1546 York VFES – Maxwell Street

Coordination Centres

- York Emergency Services Unit Building
Maxwell Street York
Phone: 9641 1546
- York Shire Administration
1 Joaquina Street York
Phone: 9641 2233

Air Support

Air support to assist with fire-fighting operations, is available from DFES.

- **Air reconnaissance** can be requested through the DFES regional **Duty Officer** on **1800 966 077**.
- **Air Attack** can be requested through the DFES Communications Centre. Radio **channel 328** or by ringing **1800 198 140**.

When requesting an aircraft, the following will be required;

1. Fire location
2. Ground Controller
3. Nominated air attack radio channel

Air Support - Fire Suppression Strategies

Water bombers should be used when there is significant threat to property and the fire cannot be contained on the ground.

Water bombers can also be requested for a fire if conditions are very high or above. Requesting officers should be aware that Air support is strictly prioritised, and aircraft can be withdrawn at any time if there is a greater need for their services elsewhere.

Adopted Standard Operational Procedures

The Shire of York has adopted Standard Operational Procedures in place.

Funding Arrangements & Protocols

Funding assistance is available through the DFES Regional Office. To trigger this assistance the Regional Duty Officer must be notified on **1800 966 077** at the time of the incident. No funding assistance will be available retrospectively.

To ensure local suppliers are paid promptly, all invoices must be made out to DFES.

Safety Protocols

On a Fire-Ground

- PPE. Minimum standard to be worn on the Fire Ground.
 - Long Sleeved Shirt
 - Long Pants
 - Boots
- IMT Structure defined.
- Communications planning in place.
- Reporting Protocol in place for reporting accidents to people and equipment on the fire ground.

Traffic Management Protocols

Traffic management needs to be considered whenever fire-fighting activities (including hazard reduction and training activities) occur within the Shire.

- The Shire is responsible for all traffic management on Local Government roads and will use Shire vehicles, trained Shire staff and signage to achieve this.
- Police will be called in when traffic management is required on main arterial roads or at a high-level incident.

Note: In the case of fire or emergency activities, fire officers may cause roads to be shut (*Bush Fires Act (1954) – section 39g*), for the protection of fire-fighters and/or road users.

Guidelines for road safety for planned short duration delays are indicated in Traffic Management 4.8 (included as Appendix 5), Operational Safety on Roadways.

Logistical Contacts

Refer to Appendix 2

Brigade Rules

Refer Bushfire Policy and Procedures Manual for Standard Operating Procedures.

Evacuation Procedures

The decision to evacuate is made by the HMA Incident Controller and implemented by the WA Police Service; there are two categories of evacuation, namely Immediate and Planned.

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) Policy Statement No.5 - Evacuation Policy provides direction.

Evacuation Considerations

Immediate

Evacuation of this kind will require an instant decision by the Hazard Management Agency. The Incident Controller should advise the WA Police Service Liaison Officer of:

1. The urgency of the evacuation
2. The estimated area of evacuation
3. The likely duration of the evacuation
4. The safe direction for evacuation

Planned

Where circumstances permit, an orderly evacuation may be achieved.

Welfare Centres

York Recreation and Convention Centre (YRCC) South Street York Phone: 9641 2233	York Town Hall Joaquina St York Phone: 9641 2233
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Welfare Coordination

A Department of Communities coordinator will be appointed.

Public Alerts Procedures

Local Government to contact DFES Duty Officer who will distribute information via the DFES Comcen to Media.

Refer to Appendix 5 – Public Alert Contacts

Post Incident Procedures

Level I – debrief only at Brigade or LG level as required.

Level II or above - a formal PIA should be conducted using DFES's policy 54.

Recovery

The Emergency Management Act 2005 (Section 36 [b]) legislates that it is a function of a local government to manage recovery upon an emergency affecting the community in its district.

This includes all activities intended to return the community to normal as soon as possible after the impact of a disaster or emergency.

POST FIRE RECOVERY STRATEGIES

Recovery Strategy	Responsible Organisation
Restoration of essential services	Shire of York
Consider safety of public facilities – close if unsafe	Shire of York
Remove any dead animals away from public sight (tracks and fence lines)	Shire of York
If required, obtain carers for injured fauna, stock	DBCA, DPIRD
Clean up the fire site and appropriately rehabilitate areas adversely affected by the fire or fire suppression activities. Close and rehabilitate any unwanted firebreaks during fire suppression activities	Shire of York or DER
Inspect and assess Shire road networks and associated infrastructure	Shire of York
Consider restricting public access to the area until safe to enter. Possible burning trees etc...	Incident Controller
Check power lines for safety if in the fire area	Western Power
Facilitation of post trauma recovery counselling	Shire of York

LOCAL MEDICAL SERVICES

Description	Service	Contacts
Medical Transport	St John Ambulance – York, Northam & Beverley	000
First Aid – Standby	St John Ambulance	9641 2100
First Aid Post (Level II or III)	St John Ambulance volunteers (tent)	9641 2100
York Medical Group	Doctor	08 9641 0000
York Hospital	Local Hospital	08 9641 0200
Northam Health Service	Regional Hospital	08 9690 1300

Appendix 1- Shire of York Bushfire Policy & Procedures Manual

This document is available to Registered Volunteer BFB members via the Shire of York's Community Emergency Services Manager.

Appendix 2- Logistical Contacts

SHIRE OF YORK CONTACTS

Role	Person Responsible	Phone	Mobile
Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM)	Troy Granville		0427 057 719
Shire Ranger (Contract)	Jack Nunn	9641 0522	0417 181 349
Shire Office	CEO – Chris Linnell EMIDS – Sinead McGuire EMCCS – Alina Behan	9641 2233 9641 1238	0447 884 150 0438 424 102 0438 972 735
Shire Depot Supervisors	Roads Maintenance - Stephen Agett Town Maintenance- Rob MacKenzie		0499 798 742 0407 919 091

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Police	York	9641 1400	
Hospital	York	9641 1200	
Ambulance	York	000	
SES	York	000	
Fire & Rescue	York	000	
Main Roads	Wheatbelt	1800 013 314	
Western Power	Emergency Hotline	9427 4368	
Water Corp	Wheatbelt	131 375 or	9420 2353
Arc Infrastructure (Rail)	Wheatbelt	9326 2215	
Telstra		132 203	

OPERATIONAL CONTACTS

DFES	Regional Duty Coordinator	1800 966 077	All hours
Justin Corrigan	DFES AO Lower Wheatbelt	9690 2303	0427 002 698
DBCA P&W	Narrogin	9881 9200	9881 9200
DBCA P&W (RDO)	Perth Hills	9295 9100	
Fire Weather	Spot Weather	9263 2260	

NEIGHBOURING CONTACTS

Beverley Shire			0429 461 200
CEO	Stephen Gollan	9646 1200	0429 461 200
CBFCO	Bill Cleland		0428 464 006
Northam Shire			
CEO	Jason Whitaker	9622 6100	0419 927 123
CBFCO	Chris Marrick	9574 1659	
CESM	Alex Espy		0458 080 818
Quairading Shire			
CEO	Nicole Gibbs	9645 1001	0429 451 001
CBFCO	Nigel Gelmi		0409 118 238
CESM	Ben Davies		0448 008 653

LOCAL SERVICES

Name	Service	Phone	Mobile
Shire of York	Machinery Supply	9641 1219	0429 602 583
Bush Contracting	Machinery Hire	9641 2241	0417 941 809
York Earthmoving	Earthmoving	9641 1772	0419 043 594
Smith Contracting	Earthmoving	9641 2104	0408 939 295
Settlers Cafe	Meals	9641 1884	
Jules Cafe	Meals	9641 1832	
IGA York	Grocery Items	9641 1006	
Castle Hotel	Meals, drinks	9641 1007	
Smiths Shell Gull York	Fuel	9641 1224	0428 135 432
York Mitre 10	Hardware	9641 0100	
Castle Hotel	Accommodation	9641 1007	
York Palace	Accommodation	9641 2454	0426 181 948
York Motel	Accommodation	9641 2066	
Swann Lodge	Accommodation	9641 2044	
Settlers House	Accommodation	9641 1096	
Hillside Retreat	Accommodation	9641 1065	0411 199 541

NEIGHBOURING SERVICES

Name	Service	Phone	Mobile	Fax
Fire Mitigation Services	Fire Fighting Machinery		0429 086 726	

Appendix 3-Brigade Contact Lists

CHIEF AND DEPUTY BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Name	Title	Phone	Mobile	Sellcall	Call sign
Wayne Collins	CBFCO	96417010	0417 099 589		York Chief
Warrick McGregor	DCBFCO		0429 932 025		York Deputy 1
Phillip Moorfield	DCBFCO		0427 921 340		York Deputy 2

TALBOT BROOK BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Name	Title	Phone	Mobile	Sellcall	Unit
APPLIANCE				26415	Talbot 2.4
Laurie Fairclough	FCO	9643 1014	0427 431 014		FCO Fairclough
Gary Lawrence		9641 1286	0417 927 465		Talbot 6
Peter Bush		9641 2325	0417 941 809		Talbot 14
David Wallace	FCO	9641 4070	0427 902 987		FCO Wallace
Adrian Emin	FCO	9641 1176	0427 431 045		FCO Emin

GREENHILLS BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Name	Title	Phone	Mobile	Sellcall	Unit
APPLIANCE				26401	Greenhills 3.4
Simon Penny	CAPT/FCO	9641 6067	0417 990 616		FCO Penny
Jeremy Marwick	FCO		0428 411 024		FCO Marwick
Charles Boyle		9641 4021	0409 882 498		Greenhills 4

BURGES SIDING BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Name	Title	Phone	Mobile	Sell call	Call Sign
APPLIANCE					Burges 1.4
Rhys Turton	CAPT/FCO		0417 412 565		FCO Turton
Brett Davies	FCO		0428 340 803		FCO Brett Davies
Glen Davies	FCO	9641 1029	0488 198 877		FCO Glen Davies
Simon Chipper			0427 411 293		FCO Chipper
Peter Monger		9641 1640	0414 778 419		Burges 3

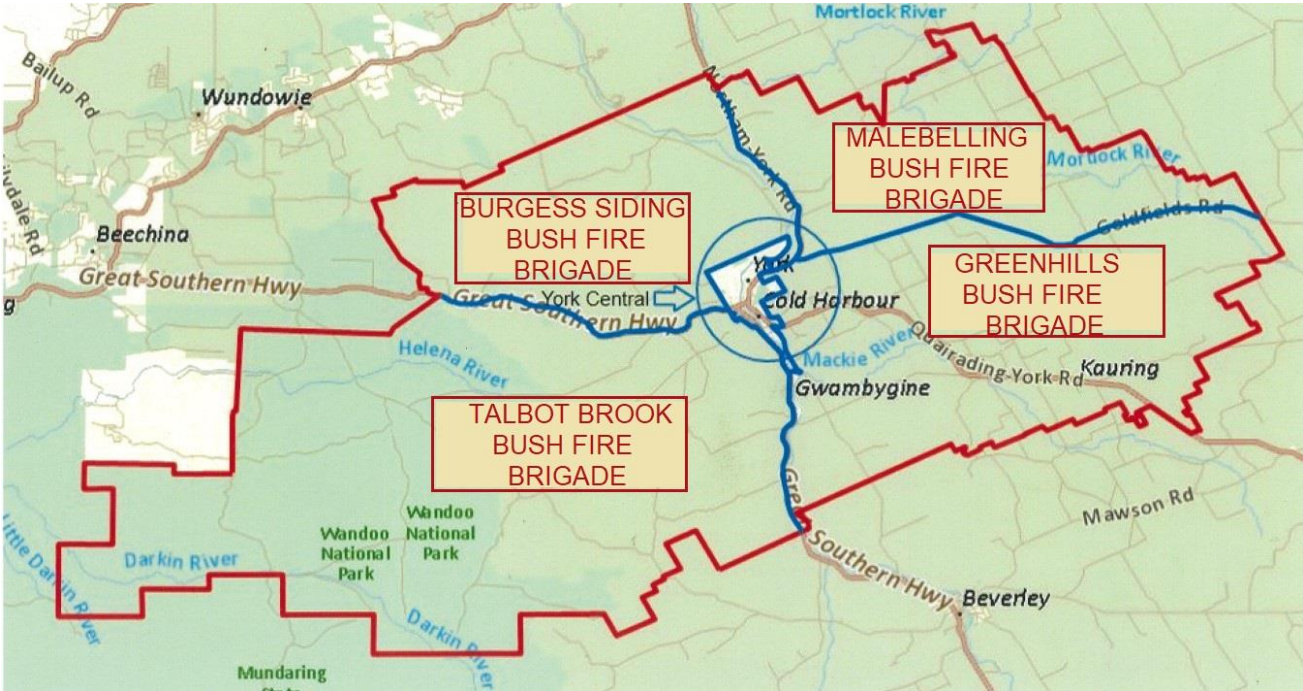
MALEBELLING BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Name	Title	Phone	Mobile	Sell Call	Call sign
APPLIANCE					Malebelling 4.4
Peter Boyle	FCO	9641 1186	0429 882 496		FCO Boyle
Malcolm Cole	FCO		0428 943 221		FCO Cole
Tim Springbett	FCO		0428 417 018		FCO Springbett
Bruce Gentle	CAPT/ FCO	9641 1030	0417 987 054		FCO Gentle
Wayne Collins	CBFCO	96417010	0417 099 589		York Chief

YORK VFES UNIT

Name	Title	Phone	Mobile	Sell Call	Call sign
APPLIANCE			0407 385 353	26414	York 4.4
Warrick McGregor	LT / DCBFCO	9641 1698	0429 932 025		York Deputy 1
Mark Lloyd	CAPT		0407 278 272		York VFES CAPTAIN

Appendix 4-Local Bush Fire Brigade Map





How to activate public information

When should I activate public information?

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) public information system should be activated during any incident where there is a possible threat to lives or homes, or where there may be heightened community concern, for example a small bushfire where there is a lot of smoke near homes and a number of roads closed.

Information should be made available to the DFES Coordinator Public Information (CPI) as soon as possible to alert the community to danger in the area.

At incidents where DFES is not the Hazard Management Agency (HMA), the CPI can issue public information when requested. All information must be provided to the CPI by the HMA.

A CPI is always on call 24 hours a day, with Media and Corporate Communications performing this role from 8am-6pm weekdays and 9am-5pm on weekends during summer.

During large scale or prolonged emergencies the State Operations Public Information unit will operate 24/7 and work with the onsite Public Information Section to coordinate and deliver public information.

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

PUBLIC INFORMATION

0427 479 499

Alternative numbers:

DURING OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri (Dec-Apr) 8am-6pm: 9225 5955

Sat-Sun (Dec-Apr) 9am-5pm: 9225 5955

AFTER HOURS

Coordinator Public Information (CPI): 0427 479 499

Page the MLO: 9476 0179 (metro only)

Coordinator Public Information personnel

- Lauren Gardiner
- Zoe Fulwood
- Bren McGurk
- Ros Mulcahy
- Siobhan Negri
- Lurline Byles
- Trinity Brookes
- Stig Lamberth
- Nicola O'Callaghan
- Kate Parkey
- Georgina Forde
- Nic Hatherly
- Lindsay McCabe
- Brian Greig
- Glenn Knight
- Almora Boucher
- Wendy Rudge
- Lynette Tomassi
- Erica Blake
- Lou McGown
- Lisa Wilde

Manager Media and Communications

- Ivana Oroz-Bootsma

Director Media and Corporate Communications

- Hannah Tagore

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Email us: media@dfes.wa.gov.au

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Contact DFES Media and Corporate Communications

Phone: 0427 479 499 or 9225 5955 Email: media@dfes.wa.gov.au Page: 9476 0179 radio ComCen

APPROVED BY INCIDENT CONTROLLER (Print Name):		Phone No:	
Incident Number:	Author:	Date:	Time:
Location of fire (area/suburb/town, between what roads, towards landmark):			
City/Town/Shire of:			

ALERT LEVEL	
Is life and/or property under threat? <i>Consider FDR, fuel loads, ember attack, location and defendability of property</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes issue Emergency Warning <input type="checkbox"/> Possible..... issue Watch and Act <input type="checkbox"/> No issue Advice <input type="checkbox"/> Yes issue All Clear
Has the danger passed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes issue All Clear

EMERGENCY WARNING issued for (streets, area/subdivision/suburb that will be impacted by fire):	
Is it safe to leave? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Is it safe to actively defend? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Is there ember attack/spot fires? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Up to how many metres?
SEWS to be used? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Homes will be impacted in (number of hours):
Telephone warning system to be issued? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	If yes, IC to call SAO on 1300 566 588

WATCH AND ACT issued for (streets, town/area/subdivision/suburb under possible threat):	
Is there ember attack/spot fires? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Up to how many metres?
Is it safe to actively defend? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Is it safe to leave? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

ADVICE issued for surrounding (streets, town/area/subdivision/suburb):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Driving messages? <input type="checkbox"/> Near homes messages?	Is there a lot of smoke? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

ALL CLEAR issued for (streets, town/area/subdivision/suburb):	
Can people return home? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	If no, when: Date: Time:
What are firefighters doing?	<input type="checkbox"/> Firefighters are working to strengthen containment lines <input type="checkbox"/> Crews are currently mopping up and will leave the area safe <input type="checkbox"/> Firefighters will monitor the area for the rest of the day/night

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