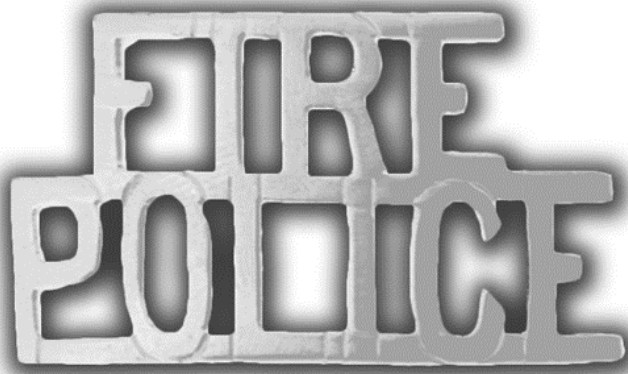


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Annual Report

Annual Report of Chief Fire Officer Glenn Teal for 2022-2023

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“ We are a unique Brigade – undertaking support services but not hot firefighting. We don’t have a station. Individual members have huge level of autonomy and responsibility as they respond to incidents in their own vehicles and commence duties rather than responding in a fire appliance with a crew of colleagues and a supervising officer. It’s a “one-off” within FENZ. ”

1.0 Looking Back: Considering 2022 – 2023

1.1 Emergency Responses

The primary purpose for which the Brigade exists is to provide support services to volunteer and paid firefighters across the Auckland region at emergency incidents, training and community events.

Auckland Operational Support continues to be a very busy volunteer brigade, having attended 562 incidents during the 2022-2023 year. When considering these very high response numbers it is important to also note that this Brigade is only dispatched by Firecom to working incidents. Unlike most volunteer operational brigades, we do not attend false alarms.

The 562 responses were on par with the numbers in the pre pandemic period when adjusted for the alterations which were made to gas leaks and hazardous substance responses in 2018-19.

Of course, 562 responses to working incidents continues to represent a very busy workload for a volunteer fire brigade!

The following statistics illustrate the mix of call types, duties undertaken, and utilisation of vehicles. These statistics are compiled from our own Brigade website-based data rather than the FENZ SMS.

Incidents Attended - Type

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Motor Vehicle Crash	171	184	188	179
Structure Fire	258	238	224	238
Power Lines Down	34	22	13	15
Effects of Weather	33	21	12	12
Gas Leak	4	0	9	22
Hazardous Substance or Chemical Spill or Fuel Spill	7	5	8	15
Vegetation Fire	13	29	22	30
Emergency	9	2	3	7
Rescue (non MVC)	2	3	3	2
Special Services (other)	0	0	0	0
Fire (unspecified)	13	8	2	6
Vehicle Fire	7	9	8	1
Assist Police (without other FENZ attendance)	3	0	0	0
Flooding	5	2	0	1
Medical	3	3	0	0
Other	0	5	0	0
Total	562	531	492	528



Figure 1: Making up feeders after a building fire

Duties Performed at Incidents

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Traffic Management or Road Closure	389	357	322	321
Refreshments/Meals (from Canteen Appliance)	29	25	38	40
Light Refreshments (not from Canteen)	192	177	139	159
Pedestrian & Crowd Management	93	83	87	90
Other Fireground Duties not specified elsewhere	42	35	28	34
Security of Appliances/Buildings/Property/Scene	14	37	31	28
Lighting	62	83	59	57
Waterways - Running Feeders/Deliveries/Ship Standpipe	12	12	20	12
Waterways - Making up	52	44	51	56
Assisting with Specialist Appliances - ICP/Command Unit	19	22	14	26
Assisting with Specialist Appliances – Other	6	5	4	4
Assisting with Specialist Appliances - BATender/Cylinders	0	3	2	4
Salvage	5	5	8	3
Road Clean up following MVC (incl absorbent)	35	27	17	10
Assist Police - SCU/Photography	13	10	9	5
Assist Police - FENZ not present	9	1	3	3
Driving - Delivering Equipment	5	4	1	5
Driving - Delivering operational crews	2	4	6	8
Assist Ambulance	0	0	0	1
First Aid	5	1	3	6
Evacuations	5	0	3	2
Ablutions	9	11	14	2
Rehabilitation Gear Deployed	1	5	0	0



Figure 2: Members assisting with traffic control at 2nd Alarm Pullman Hotel, 22 July 2023

Responses by Operational Support Vehicles

Vehicle	Number of Responses				Most Number of Responses in a Day			
	2022-23	2021-22	2022-21	2019-20	2022-23	2021-22	2022-21	2019-20
OS1	252	253	234	254	4	7	4	6
OS2	157	188	183	167	4	4	5	4
OS3	187	148	104	145	4	4	3	3
OS4	26	24	30	17	2	2	2	2
Ablutions	12				-			
Rehab	1				-			

Major and Notable Incidents

Among the responses to fires, MVC's, weather events and other emergencies, the following stand out as major or unusual incidents which the Brigade attended during the year:

- 3rd Alarm Structure Fire, Knobs & Knockers, Ti Rakau Drive, Burswood – 8/07/2022
- Multiple Weather-Related Events – 27/01/2023
- 3rd Alarm Structure Fire, Kakano St, Westgate – 11/05/2023
- Multiple Weather-Related Events – 13 to 16/02/2023
- 3rd Alarm Pallets on Fire, Carter Rd, Patumahoe – 21/02/2023
- Assist Police, Firearms Incident, 8hrs 40 meals served, Newington Rd, Henderson– 24/02/2023
- 3rd Alarm Chemical Truck Fire on Motorway, Takanini – 8/03/2023
- 3rd Alarm Structure Fire, Great South Road, Takanini – 22/03/2023
- 4th Alarm Structure Fire, x2 buildings, Tironui Rd, Takanini – 31/03/2023
- Motor Vehicle Crash, x6 cars x8 casualties, Mt Eden Road – 5/04/2023
- Tornado Damage, Wayne Francis Dr, East Tamaki – 6/04/2023
- 3rd Alarm, Fire in Carpark Building, Remuera Rd, Newmarket – 18/04/2023
- 3rd Alarm Structure Fire, Recycling Business, Lansford Cres, Avondale – 21/04/2023
- Motor Vehicle Crash, Long Duration Serious Crash, Great South Rd, Otahuhu – 12/05/2023
- 2nd Alarm Large House Fire, Shelly Beach Rd, St Mary's Bay – 28/05/2023
- 4th Alarm Scrap Metal/Vehicle Fire, James Fletcher Dr, Favona – 31/05/2023
- 4th Alarm Large Fire involving Scrap Vehicles, Boundary Rd, Papakura – 16/06/2023

1.2 Extreme Weather Events – 27 January and 13 February

The Auckland region experienced an unseasonably cool and wet summer for 2022-23. In addition to the corresponding absence of campaign vegetation fires, this was notable for two very significant weather events on 21 January and 13 February. Both of these generated a large number of incidents and workload for the Brigade associated with flooding to roads and buildings, and with managing scenes where trees, poles, power wires were blown down. Additionally, the Canteen appliance was required to assist several USAR and disaster settings. Over 8 busy days associated with these two storms, our Brigade attended 42 working incidents of which 31 were directly related to the storms and their aftermath.

During the late afternoon and evening of Friday 27 January a very significant storm hit Auckland which dropped 160mm of rain in 6 hours, causing widespread flooding of streams, roads, and properties, firstly impacting West Auckland and subsequently also causing large scale flooding, traffic chaos and property damage across the rest of the urban area throughout the night. Our Brigade attended 9 incidents on the Friday (7 weather related), 8 on the Saturday (6 weather related), and a further 13 over the following 3 days (10 weather related).

While Auckland was still cleaning up from the earlier event, Cyclone Gabriel hit with its greatest rainfall and strongest winds occurring on the night of Monday 13 February. Although not particularly busy leading up to and on the night of the Cyclone's greatest damage (6 weather related incidents out of 8 callouts on the Sunday- Monday), the Brigade was then again exceptionally busy the following day with 8 more weather incidents out of 10 callouts on the Tuesday.



Figure 3: Auckland OSU2 transporting a boat on its roof during the Anniversary weekend floods.

Support for Deaths of two Muriwai Volunteer Firefighters

During the storm on the night of 13 February, Craig Stevens and Dave van Zwanenberg of Muriwai Volunteer Fire Brigade were killed by a landslide while assisting to divert floodwaters at a house in Motutara Road, Muriwai. Although not personally known to most members of our Brigade this tragedy had a significant emotional impact on us as it did for the 'fire brigade family' across New Zealand. In addition to the loss of colleagues it was recognised that events like this could have happened to any of us as we undertook traffic management, road closures, and other duties at weather related events.

Our Brigade members provided support over the following days in a number of ways:

- (i) serving meals from Operational Support 4 to many firefighters and members of the public at Muriwai Fire Station in the days leading up to the removal of one of the deceased from the wreckage.

- (ii) serving breakfast from OS4 for several days to USAR crews prior to their daily deployments from City station to house collapses around the Auckland Region.
- (iii) managing the traffic and parking at both funerals which were attended by hundreds of people at an open air venue in Muriwai.



Figure 4: Members assisting at Muriwai Fire Station following the storm of 13 February 2023.

Learnings and Actions Arising

Following these events and in consideration of previous experience of significant weather events on our Brigade operations, a review was undertaken from which the following actions are under implementation:

- (i) Water Safety Kits have been requested from FENZ Management for each appliance. To undertake normal duties in these situations members typically walk/ wade in water however the Kits are not standard issue.
- (ii) Re-emphasis on Safety. A crew was in danger of being cut off without an escape route due to rising floodwater in the wider area on the night of 13 February. Increased training/ emphasis is being placed on this.
- (iii) Management of Long Duration Incidents. New protocols have been developed and are under implementation to better manage fatigue, obtain appropriate relief from FENZ appliances and other utility services.
- (iv) Making Scenes Safe in order to stand down when appropriate rather than always waiting for many hours for Utility Service providers to attend to do so.

1.3 Member Participation at Incidents – Attendance, Vehicle and Radio Operator Duties

In order to undertake the support services, we provide, it is necessary that every operational member fully participates and contributes to our attendance at incidents which we are dispatched to. Appendix 1 details the level of activity by person measured by:

- Response to incidents
- Radio Operator Duties (number of shifts worked)
- Emergency Driver duties on First Response vehicles (number of shifts rostered on duty)
- Canteen Driver and Assistant duties (number of weeks rostered on duty).

The many hours of time contributed by members, both in being available on-call and in actually attending incidents reflects the enormous commitment given to making the Brigade successful.

1.4 Training

Pandemic restrictions severely curtailed training opportunities during previous years. Together with restrictions in previous years, this resulted in members being out of date with many core competencies. Our Training Team worked hard to get most members back to required OSM competency.

Seven of our Recruit Firefighters successfully completed the TAPS course at National Training Centre. Congratulations to: Ben Ale, Senthil Balasubramani, Sunita Dilsook, Erin Ozpinar, Ilia Parker and Ana Taio.

1.5 Honours

Honouring Jim Smith – 50 Years Service

SO Jim Smith was presented with a gold medal for 50 years' service at a dinner held in his honour at the Howick Club on 6 May, where he is also the Club President. The celebration was significant because of the number of "firsts". Jim is the first member of our Brigade to attain 50 years. He is the first in New Zealand to serve all 50 years with Fire Police (as the brigade used to be called) and Operational Support. And, notably, all 50 years have been served with just one Brigade – ours. Jim joined in April 1973 and was later Chief Fire Officer of the Brigade for 16 years. This period, particularly, was recalled at the function by former and present fire service executives who acknowledged special projects Jim undertook such as the brigade's own radio network, the introduction of urgent-response vehicles and the ablutions trailer. Our Brigade Patron, David Neil, speaking on behalf of all members, congratulated Jim on the milestone achievement. He went on to recall some of the struggles Jim faced with the administration as he made changes so the brigade could better serve the community.

"These", David said, "were some of the foundation blocks for what today continues to be a highly efficient team, the biggest and busiest volunteer brigade in the country".



Figure 5: Jim Smith being presented with his UFBA 50-year medal

Honouring Dan Scott – 25 Years Service

SSO Dan Scott was presented with his Gold Star for 25 years' service at an Honours Ceremony held on 17 December at Eden Park's functions centre. It was "catch up" for Dan - he has served more than 30 years in fire services and was finally granted the Gold Star after the United Fire Brigades Association (UFBA) acknowledged earlier administrative errors which occurred during his previous service with other volunteer brigades. And then, twice, COVID-19 forced postponement of his award function. Dan served at Herald Island and Waitemata (now West Harbour) Brigades before joining Auckland Operational Support in 2009. In presenting the Gold Star, the Past President of the UFBA, Graeme Booth, welcomed the opportunity to put things right, thanking Dan for his service and included in his accolade wife Marie, daughter Emma and son Ryan, for their support.

Rather than recount his experiences over the 30 years, Dan had the audience in fits of laughter at his recounting of his very first urgent drive with the Waitemata Brigade!!

The unique feature of the night was the announcement of Dan's Gold Star written in lights on the giant Eden Park signboard high above the grandstand. It was a nice gesture from Eden Park Trust Board with which Dan has had a close professional association over the years.



Figure 6: Dan Scott and family at his Gold Star presentation at Eden Park

Service Honours

In addition to the Gold Star presentation, many other awards were presented at the December function. Almost all members of the Brigade received certificates, medals or bars representing service which had accumulated during COVID-19 lockdowns – both UFBA service honours and FENZ Long Service and Good Conduct awards. The recipients are listed in Appendix 4.

1.6 Improvements Implemented from Members' Suggestions

The implementation of an online mechanism for members to make suggestions to improve equipment and operational efficiencies (called the "Ideas Generator") has continued to be very successful during the Year.

This is shown by implementation of the following suggestions utilising funds sourced from members' fundraising and donations:

- 2x Karcher Wetvacs for salvage operations located in Brigade Storeroom.
- Replacing aging E-flares with 60 new units across all vehicles.
- New capsule coffee machine located on AUCKOSU4.
- 2x new Milwaukee blowers for salvage located on AUCKOSU2 and AUCKOSU3.

New equipment added utilising FENZ budget:

- New generator located on AUCKOSU4.
- Total of 8 new Hella Portable LED lights across AUCKOSU2, AUCKOSU3, and AUCKOSU4.

Further ideas still under consideration include:

- Water safety kits to be available for members.
- Lighter/more visible wheel chocks for Ultralight trucks.
- Advanced warning signage (similar to NZ Police signage)



Figure 7: FF Bean utilising a new leaf blower to clear debris from the roadway

2.0 Brigade Membership

2.1 Membership Changes during 2022 - 2023

During the year the Brigade welcomed 7 new members including 4 transfers from other Brigades and one who will maintain joint membership with a brigade outside of Auckland where he lives during weekends. We farewelled 8 members (including one of those taken on during the year). Membership movements are detailed in Appendix 4.

Members continue to move on for a variety of reasons including transferring to other brigades, relocation of workplace, and in some cases recognition that they simply cannot keep up the level of participation required in light of their other commitments.

2.2 Observer Program Prior to Commencement of Recruitment Process

This approach to recruitment continues to work well for us. This approach involves bringing suitable candidates on as 'observers' for a 6–8 week period during which they attend incidents, training, and meetings etc with us with a view to establishing whether the Operational Support role and commitment is really what they want. We also take the opportunity to observe their levels of participation and attitude during that time. One of the main objectives of this approach is to reduce churn and the wasted effort and expense which accompanies churn.

We have only trialled one group of applicants in the observer Programme this year. Of the 6 people who participated in the Observer Programme, 4 progressed to become members of the brigade.

3.0 Brigade Vehicles

Highest Priority: Replacement of the Ultralite Vehicles.

Both existing Ultralite vehicles are past their useful life. The difficulties in maintaining operational response and maintaining Brigade morale were fully documented in last year's report. Although not repeated with 2022-23 data, part of last year's record is again attached (Appendix 5) to this report in order to mark this poor state of affairs. Having twice declined to accept the offer from the National Fleet Manager of vans to replace the Ultralite vehicles there was a heightened sense of frustration and rising discontent with our situation. Vans were demonstrably unsuitable for the range of tasks and traffic conditions which are unique to Auckland Operational Support's role.

In March we had the opportunity to have a meal with the FENZ National Commander Russell Wood and all of the Regional Managers. We sought the ability to make a presentation to the group which enabled myself, DCFO Ross Bay and SSO Allan Officer to make a reasonably forceful and fact-based presentation regarding the situation. SSO Richard Cuthbert presented the aged vehicles to the group for inspection. After perhaps a little initial scepticism, the evening resulted in a very good discussion and commitment for support from the National Commander and Regional Managers to take action to rectify our situation.

In the final Quarter of the financial year, funds were made available to the Auckland District for procurement of replacement OSU vehicles. Data previously submitted and the Business Case was reviewed at National Fleet which identified 2 options for replacement. Unfortunately, we were advised very late in the financial year that these funds would not be expended because National Fleet staff were too busy on other pre committed work to complete specification and purchase of the vehicles for our Brigade. This was most disappointing.

We were recently pleased to receive confirmation that a funded project is now underway at National Fleet to specify and procure a prototype vehicle for Auckland Operational Support in the current financial year which is likely to be based on the Iveco Daley model. This would be a very suitable basis for replacement vehicles. The detailed configuration of the lockers, vehicle stowage etc etc is now commencing, led by the National Fleet Engineer and supported with specific input from 4 of our members who regularly drive our Ultralites and have clocked up the most practical experience of our vehicle requirements over the past 10 years – SSO Allan Officer, SSO Richard Cuthbert, SO Chris England and SO Ian Batterbee.

This prototype would then form the basis for replacement of the second vehicle (with any adjustments required based on use of the prototype). We have been advised that in the meantime the remaining Ultralite would be swapped with a cascaded vehicle as a stopgap measure.

4.0 Thanks for your Contributions and Commitment to our Future Sustainability

This report records and recognises the huge contribution made by members which ensures our Brigade maintains its high level of activity and success.

Thank you all for your contribution and commitment. It's a team effort.

In last year's report I mentioned how essential it is to the Brigade's future sustainability that our 'Gen X' and 'Gen Y' members take full participation and ownership of Brigade affairs. This involves far more than just attending incidents and includes assuming greater and greater responsibility for such matters as: driving of response vehicles; management of Portfolios; operational leadership roles; and the many other activities involved in maintaining the Brigade.

It is so pleasing to acknowledge the progress which is being made regarding succession. In particular this year:

- Commitment to driver training means we now have 5 members course ready and programmed for a Heavy Urgent Response Course, and 4 course ready for a Light Urgent Response Course
- Rotation of Portfolios among members is ensuring that each and every function within the Brigade is being learned by several people over time to maintain future capability.
- Members continue to offer themselves for service on the Management Committee and for various Portfolios.
- The promotion of five members to Station Officer rank as several of the Baby Boomer generation SO's step back and/or retire, and two others leave the Brigade (Noting that these appointments actually took place in the subsequent financial year and will be formally reported on in the next report).

Thanks again to the District Management team, especially DM Vaughan Mackereth and GM Barry Fox, for their assistance to us, and having an open door for us.

Glenn Teal
CFO Auckland Operational Support
Chairperson Auckland Volunteer Fire Brigade Incorporated
August 2023

Appendix 1: Operational Activity by Members

Incident Attendance and Roster Shifts 1st July 2022 - 30th June 2023

Rank	Name	Calls	Driver	Driver	Driver	Radio	Canteen
			weekday	weeknight	weekend		
QFF	Batterbee	205	7	48			
FF	Bean	187	4			6	
QFF	Reyna	145	6	1	1		7
QFF	Harding	133	11	6	48		
SSO	CuthbertR	123	1	30	9		
SSO	Officer	116	3	7	68		
SO	England	113	48	53	4		
SO	Walker	103	1		12	8	
RFF	Ozpinar	102				2	
FF	AdamsC	93	3	7			3
FF	Schellingerhout	81				26	
FF	Akroyd	79				11	2
SO	ScottJ	78	2	1	31		
FF	Dragland	73	7	3	22	6	2
QFF	Bhaktar	67	2	2	41	5	1
FF	Kitchen	67				7	2
SSO	Scott	67	9	3			
QFF	CuthbertA	62				26	
SO	SmithJ	58	8				
FF	Adair	57	18	6			
FF	Callaghan	57	21		1	26	
QFF	Sharma	56	4	2	18	54	
QFF	Potter	55	7	4	20	5	
CFO	Teal	53			4		
RFF	Balasubramani	52					1
SO	Christie	51	21	5			
DCFO	Bay	49	5	2			
FF	Kumar	49				10	2
QFF	Koloamatangi	47	13	4			
QFF	Stillwell	47					
QFF	TealJ	46			4	18	
QFF	Southen	45	6		37	14	
QFF	Bryant	44	13	2	12		
QFF	Hohaia	44			33		
FF	Bernie	43			12		1
FF	Richards	42				12	
QFF	Falaniko	41	14	6		8	
QFF	Serjeant	41	3	12	22		1

QFF	AdamsC	38	3	15			2
RFF	Ale	37					
RFF	Dilsook	35					
QFF	Lewis	35					
QFF	OConnor	35	17			9	
SO	Carlyon	34	11			12	
QFF	Grant	28			27		4
QFF	Somerville	25				43	
QFF	Watson	21					
	ChanSee	17	2		12	7	
RFF	Parker	16					
FF	Davies	15				3	
RFF	Harvey	13					
RFF	Taio	13					
FF	Hadler	8					
RFF	SharmaE	7				15	3
FF	Allen	2					
SO (NO)	Duncan	2					
VBS	Sadler	2				21	
	Curtis	1					
	Lancaster	1					
QFF	Wallace	1				23	
SO	Foster	0					
	Galbraith	0					
	Grieve	0					
FF	Koppens	0					
	Langi	0					
VBS	Mellars	0				45	

Appendix 2: Membership Changes From 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023

Members Transferring from other Brigades

Name	Date	Previous FENZ Service
Troy Bean	18/07/2022	Transferred from Dannevirke
Matt Hadler	21/05/2023	Transferred from Rolleston
Brooke Koppens	16/05/2023	Transferred from Whitianga
Mike Allen	18/05/2023	Transferred from Plimmerton

Members Leaving

Name	Date	Years of Service with Auckland Operational Support	Reason
Doug Grieve	10/10/2022	2 Years	Move to Christchurch
Alex Chan See	15/05/2023	12 Years	Other commitments

Members Joining from Observer Programme

Ana Taio	Became a recruit
Ilia Parker	Became a recruit
Sunita Dilsook	Became a recruit
Erin Ozpinar	Became a recruit

Progression

Trainee Firefighter to Firefighter (OS):	
Jason Schellingerhout	22/8/22
Terry Akroyd	22/8/22
Caitlin Richards	22/8/22
Ricky Dragland	22/8/22
Ashok Kumar	22/8/22

Firefighter to Qualified Firefighter

Srikant Bhaktar	15/8/22
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Members to Brigade Support

Peter Duncan	1/3/2023
Jonathan Sadler	2/3/2023

Appendix 3: Portfolios Held 2022 - 2023

Officers Forum

The Officers Forum addresses operational matters, including:

CFO Teal	- Brigade Leadership and Management - Liaison with FENZ Senior Management - Rosters - Chairperson of Management Committee
DCFO Bay	- Brigade Leadership and Management - Oversight of Recruitment; On-boarding; Progression to Membership
SSO Officer	- Oversight of Operational Readiness
SSO Cuthbert	- Health, Safety, and Wellbeing - Oversight of Vehicles
SSO Scott	- Brigade Training Officer; Oversight of Skill Maintenance
SO Carlyon	- Assistance with Stakeholder Liaison
SO Duncan	- Vehicles - Servicing, Mechanics, Readiness, Operations etc; Ablutions Trailer
SO England	- Driver Training; Traffic Management Training
SO Scott	- Record Keeping and Data Management (SMS, OSM, Dashboard Reporting) - Approval of Orders for Uniform and PPE
SO Christie	- Recruitment
SO Smith	- Operational Responsibilities at Incidents
SO Walker	- Telecommunications

Management Committee

The Management Committee undertakes management functions on behalf of the Brigade:

CFO Teal	- Executive Brigade Business; Personnel; Rosters
DCFO Bay	- Executive Brigade Business; Personnel; Leave Management
QFF Watson	- Secretary; Service Honours; Attendance
SSO Officer	- Brigade Treasurer
QFF Potter	- (Elected Member); Events; Fundraising
QFF O'Connor	- (Elected Member); Uniform and PPE
SO Carlyon	- Secretary-Minutes; Content Management of Website & Social Media
QFF Bhaktar	- (Elected Member); Ideas Generator
QFF Lewis	- (Elected Member); Equipment Carried on Vehicles.
QFF Harding	- (CFO Appointee); Uniform and PPE

Portfolios outside the Forum, reporting from time to time:

QFF Grant	- Canteen Vehicle
SO (HM) Foster	- Website & Social Media Technical Management
QFF Batterbee	- Website Technical Management
FF Callaghan	- Assistance with Equipment Carried on Vehicles
SO Walker	- Communications Equipment

Committees:

- Recruitment Panel: SO Rich Christie (Convenor), SSO Ross Bay
 - Website Committee: Honorary Member Mark Foster, QFF Ian Batterbee.
 - Training Team: SSO Scott, DCFO Bay, SO Walker, SSO Cuthbert, SO England
 - Women's Network: QFF Harding
 - Volunteerism Working Group: CFO Teal
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Appendix 4: Service Honours Presented 17 December 2022

First Name	Surname	Honour Received
Joshua	Teal	3 Year Certificate
Kyle	Provan	3 Year Certificate
Shane	Adams	3 Year Certificate
Leslea	Wallace	3 Year Certificate
Sonja	Southen	3 Year Certificate
Caitlin	Richards	3 Year Certificate
Troy	Bean	3 Year Certificate
Jessica	Davies-Shirley	3 Year Certificate
Srikant	Bhaktar	3 Year Certificate
Elvin	Sharma	3 Year Certificate
Ciaran	Callaghan	3 Year Certificate
Kyle	Provan	5 Year Medal
Mary	Harding	5 Year Medal
Richard	Christie	5 Year Medal
Deepak	Sharma	5 Year Medal
Garreth	Lewis	5 Year Medal
Melani	Falaniko	5 Year Medal
Justin	Scott	5 Year Medal
Jack	Bryant	5 Year Medal
Douglas	Grieve	5 Year Medal
Joshua	Teal	5 Year Medal
James	Somerville	2 yr Silver Bar (7 years)
Unga	Koloamatangi	2 yr Silver Bar (7 years)
Unga	Koloamatangi	2 yr Silver Bar (9 years)
Alex	Chan See	2 yr Silver Bar (9 years)
David	O'Connor	2 yr Silver Bar (9 years)
Brett	Grant	2 yr Silver Bar (9 years)
Dean	Serjeant	2 yr Silver Bar (11 years)
Abel	Reyna-Rivera	2 yr Silver Bar (11 years)
Alex	Chan See	2 yr Silver Bar (11 years)
Chris	Mellars	2 yr Silver Bar (13 years)
Matt	Walker	2 yr Silver Bar (15 years)
Chris	Mellars	2 yr Silver Bar (15 years)

Duane	Carnell	2 yr Silver Bar (15 years)
Duane	Carnell	2 yr Silver Bar (17 years)
Jonathan	Sadler	2 yr Silver Bar (17 years)
Ian	Batterbee	2 yr Silver Bar (17 years)
Mark	Potter	2 yr Silver Bar (17 years)
Amanda	Cuthbert	2 yr Silver Bar (19 years)
Richard	Cuthbert	2 yr Silver Bar (19 years)
Jackie	Watson	2 yr Silver Bar (19 years)
Nigel	Hohaia	2 yr Silver Bar (19 years)
Ross	Bay	2 yr Gold Bar (31 years)
Allan	Officer	2 yr Gold Bar (37 years)
Chris	England	2 yr Gold Bar (39 years)
Kevin	Stillwell	2 yr Gold Bar (39 years)
Ric	Carlyon	40 Year Certificate
Glenn	Teal	2 yr Gold Bar (43 years)
Peter	Duncan	2 yr Gold Bar (45 years)
Jim	Smith	2 yr Gold Bar (49 years)
LSGC		
Duane	Carnell	14 Yr Medal
Glenn	Teal	4th Clasp (42 Years)
Chris	Mellars	14 Yr Medal
Matt	Walker	14 Yr Medal
Jim	Smith	5th Clasp (49 Years)
Gold Star		
Dan	Scott	2 yr Silver Bar (21 years)
Dan	Scott	2 yr Silver Bar (23 years)
Dan	Scott	25 Year Gold Star
Dan	Scott	2 yr Gold Bar (27 years)
Dan	Scott	2 yr Gold Bar (29 years)
Dan	Scott	LHM Medal

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Jim	Smith	50 Year Medal
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Appendix 5: 2021-2022 Inadequate performance of Ultralite vehicles

Vehicles Not Fit for Purpose

The state of the vehicles supplied to the Brigade by FENZ has continued to deteriorate to the extent that this is now the single most significant factor which negatively impacts on the Brigade's response capability and is having a significant impact on morale.

Vehicle Fleet			Age at 30/06/2022		Odometer	Days KO	Travelled
MYF324	OS1	26/06/2020	2.0	years	38890	3	20088
WR8188	OS2	5/12/1997	24.6	years	217892	114	9181
WW6758	OS3	27/02/1998	24.4	years	208711	35	7715
BHB293	OS4	5/06/2003	19.1	years	61920	45	1987
B993E	Ablutions	17/07/2003	19.0	years			
99S68	Rehab	29/11/2021	0.6	years			

Other than the Van (OS1), the vehicles are aged which significantly affects their performance and reliability.

In particular, the two Ultralite vehicles (OS2 and OS3):

- are almost 25 years old,
- suffer from regular breakdowns,
- were off the road for a combined total of 149 days (this doesn't include the numerous instances when repairs were undertaken on the same day as the fault/ breakdown),
- have driven in excess of 200,000Km each (this doesn't reflect the many thousands of hours of idling time when these vehicles are at incidents with motors running which acting as traffic control/ safety vehicles with beacons and lights operating).

DAYS K-zero				
	OS1	OS2	OS3	OS3
Jul			29	
Aug				
Sep		2		10
Oct				31
Nov				4
Dec		8	2	
Jan		3		
Feb		18		
Mar		12	4	
Apr		13		
May		31		
Jun	3	27		
	3	114	35	45

There have been numerous weeks when it has been difficult to maintain adequate response capability due to the state of these vehicles. A temporary replacement Ute vehicle has been used during some periods to carry a subset of the equipment from OS2/3 when offroad, but this has

limitations. The gear is piled in the Ute in a 'random' fashion and the many hours involved in constant changing over of vehicles, restowing equipment, and driving to/from Otahuhu Workshops is a significant drain on volunteer time.

This issue has been raised many times with FENZ Management over recent years without progress being made. The current District Business Plan refers to the replacement being needed but unfortunately this is regarded with some cynicism by the Brigade membership.

The Brigade needs support from FENZ to replace these vehicles with fit for purpose vehicles in order to maintain capability and to restore morale.



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