
Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is define the minimum training standards required for Volunteer Bush Fire Fighters to ensure that they are competent and can safely perform their roles.

Scope

This Policy applies to the Shire of Boddington (Shire) Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade members.

Definitions

Term	Meaning
CEO	Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Boddington
Policy	This Shire of Boddington policy titled “Bush Fire Personnel (Minimum Training Standards)”
Program	Department of Fire and Emergency Service, <u>Bush Fire Service Training Program</u>

Policy Statement

The Shire has a primary duty of care under the Work Health and Safety Act 2020, as far as is reasonably practicable, that the health and safety of persons is not put at risk from work conducted as part of the business or undertaking. This includes Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades, which come under the control of the Local Government.

Bush Firefighter

To attend fires as a Bush Firefighter, the volunteer must have completed the recommended training modules from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Bush Fire Service Training Program (Program) for a Bush Firefighter or otherwise have active operational experience recognised by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (CBFCO), Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (DBFCO) and their relevant Brigade Captain.

Fire Control Officer

To be appointed as a Fire Control Officer by the Chief Executive Officer the volunteer must have completed the DFES Fire Control Officer Program, and have active operational experience recognised by the CBFCO, DBFCO and relevant Brigade Captain.

Active Operational Experience

Where a volunteer has yet to complete the recommended training courses for a Bush Firefighter but has demonstrated years of active operational experience then collectively the CBFCO, DBFCO and relevant Brigade Captain may nominate to the CEO that the volunteer be recognised as a Bush Firefighter.

Responsible Officer	Executive Manager Development Services
History	Adopted 26 October 2023 (121/23)
Delegation	
Relevant Legislation	Bush Fires Act 1954
Related Documentation	Department of Fire and Emergency Service Bush Fire Service Training Program