

INTERIM OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE 06

Date: May 2020

Subject: Bushfire Mitigation

Objective

This document is intended to guide personnel on how best to conduct themselves during bushfire mitigation activities in response to the need for increased awareness of the risk of spread of COVID-19 via interpersonal contact and to minimise the likelihood of exposure.

Applicable To;

DFES, Contractors, CFRS, VFRS, VFES and BFB.

Scope

The scope of this document is specifically related to bushfire mitigation.

The following guidelines have been developed for all fire engaged staff and volunteers for use at their discretion, depending on the type of activity undertaken.

Procedure

Conversations must be initiated with co-workers and volunteers and accord with hygiene and physical distancing recommendations with the following guidance to be applied:

- Avoid transferring personnel between appliances/vehicles during a shift unless required in an emergency.
- Designate a person with the responsibility to conduct briefings and to oversee COVID-19 protocols and IOP's for all operations.
- Conduct all briefings including those with contractors, and all other group related discussions outdoors.
- Ensure individual copies of operational resources are available such as maps, briefing notes etc.
- Use the same vehicle for the duration of the burn right up until the last patrol.
- Do not share PPE.
- Delineate specific roles for crew members including regular surface disinfecting wipe downs.

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Existing doctrine policy or procedure

- DFES [Corporate](#) or [Volunteer Hub](#) COVID-19 updates for the most current information.
- [COVID-19 IOP 02 – Operational Response Precautions](#)
- [COVID-19 IOP 03 – Enhanced Station, Vehicle and Equipment Cleaning and Disinfection Plan](#)

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