

Passions and Pathways Industry Visits – 2018

Type of Industry: Emergency Services

Location of Visit : CFA Bendigo – Chapel St

1.2 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Pre-visit 'Health and Safety' training to be provided to the group by Safety Systems (Paul Flood)

Induction – Students will be given a site induction by on duty staff and is to cover safe movement around the motor room and rear yard. They will also be given instruction on what to do in the event that a fire call occurs during their visit. (5 mins)

Risk Assessment – completed by school

1.3 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Students will be required to have appropriate clothing for the weather on the day with consideration to be given for the possibility of slight water spray (spray jacket) and solid footwear (no open toes).

1.4 SCOPE OF VISIT

Students will be given examples of a number of pathways into the fire service as a career and the types of roles/functions that are available within the organisation.

FORMAT AND CONTENT FOR INDUSTRY VISITS TO CFA - Bendigo

1. Introduction (5 minutes)

- Intro to the site - Students will be given a site induction by on duty staff and is to cover safe movement around the motor room and rear yard. They will also be given instruction on what to do in the event that a fire call occurs during their visit.
- Discuss my own career journey. Examples of how different people come into CFA, i.e. other emergency services, military, university graduate, trade qualifications or other.

2. Services Offered (5 minutes)

- Fire Prevention and Suppression
- Industrial Rescue
- Hazardous Material Incidents
- Incident Management
- Specialist Rescue (Rope and Trench)



3. Working at our Workplace (10 minutes)

- Organisational Structure – Rank Structure
- Administration
- Roles
- Skills
- Jobs
- Training
- Educational Requirements – Maths, Chemistry, Physics, English and Communication
- Career Development

4. Potential Career Pathways (5 minutes)

- Firefighting career path
- Firefighter to Instructor career path

5. Values and Behaviours (5 minutes)

Our values – Dexterity, Explicitness, Gallantry, Loyalty, Observation, Perseverance, Sympathy and Tact.
Culture of the organisation – Second Family
Team Structures – How a Shift works together
Work Life Balance

6. Questions that may be asked by students (5 minutes)

- **How many call outs to emergencies do you have a day or week?**
- **How many people work here at once?**
- **What are the different shifts you work? And how many on one shift?**
- **Do you always work with the same crew?**
- **Do you all have different roles in your crew? E.g driver, fire fighter, plumber etc?**
- **Do you need any qualifications to become a fire fighter?**
- **Do you need any qualifications to become volunteer fire fighters?**
- **What are some of the emergencies you attend besides fires? What are the most common?**

7. TOUR (10 minutes)

- Tour of the station including the trucks. (If possible)

8. Practical exercise in the rear yard of the Fire Station (10 minutes)

- Discuss and brainstorm different ways fires start and how to plan to avoid these.
- Increase awareness of the common causes of fires in the home
- Increase understanding of the ways of preventing and dealing with fire emergencies

Encourage people to students better prepared to deal with a house fire

Home fire safety checklist

Visit <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/home-fire-safety-checklist/>

Then complete the checklist to help prevent fires occurring at home

Prepare and maintain your property

Everyone in Victoria who lives near dense forest, bush, grassland or the coast needs to prepare their property for bushfire. **Tips and advice to prepare your property**

The illustration below provides an overview of key preparation activities you can undertake before the bushfire season. Click on each of the icons to find out what you can do around different parts of your property to prepare for the fire season.

Visit <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/prepare-and-maintain-your-property/> and click on the interactive picture which informs you on what you can do around your home to prevent fire from occurring and spreading.