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To: LCSC
Subject: Fire Service Review

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I request my submission be treated confidentially.

Station officer 8 months Richmond and Glen Waverley.
12 years Firefighter Richmond and Croydon.

In my time I have experienced the value to fire fighter safety and of the community we serve in the rapid response of 7 fire fighters to a fire ground and the control of fires to room of origin.

I have effected a rescue of a resident trapped by fire in a house in Stirling Rd Croydon. It was through the support of the Incident Controller to control operations, a safety officer to identify and control hazards and a crew trained in pump operations and BA (Breathing Apparatus) to back up my BA team (2).

As a station officer I am more likely to be the IC and cannot imagine the frustration having to wait for enough crew get to work, or the decision to commit crews without this support.

I have responded with volunteer crews around Croydon's area. And usually they do a great job. Sometimes through no one's fault whether it be work commitment or other there is inadequate response to some incidents in regard to skills (BA training) or numbers.

The cost to the community must consider the lost time for businesses that lose employees to ever increasing number of calls in increasingly urbanised areas.

As a new SO I am acutely aware of the positive change in moral as the end of disputation approaches and a sense of willingness to embrace positive change for the community of Victoria.

Thank you for your time.

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