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**From:** steve wohlers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 3 July 2017 3:07 PM  
**To:** LCSC  
**Subject:** Fire service reform

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing this letter regarding Fire Service Reform ,  
My name is Steve Wohlers and I have been a professional firefighter employed by the MFB for 32 years.  
During that time I have been to hundreds if not thousands of fires of various types and sizes .I have attended many car accidents both minor and major .I have also been to numerous EMR (Emergency Medical Response) calls. The job is an incredibly diverse one.  
I have seen many deceased people both young and old. I have also assisted people and helped to save lives .

I am not unique in my experiences. I am one of many professional firefighters that will deal with these things during their career.

There is a huge difference between a professional and a volunteer. Not only in qualifications but also in experience .We are there

Christmas Day, New Years Eve and all significant occasions . Seven days a week . 24 hours a day . We have a quick response time to all calls.

I do not want to denigrate the CFA volunteers as they are needed in Rural areas .They do a fantastic job when called upon.

Built up areas with larger populations need and deserve better fire coverage.

I do not understand why it isn't obvious that as populations increase services need to increase .

It is time to change the way Fire services protect and help the people of Victoria.

If you have read this letter then I do thank you and hope that you will consider Victoria's future .

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