

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

**Prepared by:** Legal Services Unit **Date:** 08/04/2011

**Name of Witness:** DAVID OWEN CAUGHLEY

**Occupation:** Public Servant

**Position:** Warrant Office, Officer in Charge of Restoration, RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre - formerly Area Commander.

I, *David Owen Caughley*, Warrant Officer, Officer in Charge of Restoration, RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre and formerly Area Commander, Western Command, within South Eastern Region, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service, Department of Community Safety state:

1. I have worked for the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service ("QFRS") for 32 years and hold the rank of Inspector.
2. In 2005, I was appointed to the role of Area Commander, Western Command, South Eastern Region and held this role from that time until taking long term leave from the QFRS in January of 2011. A position description for this role is attached to this statement and marked "DC-1".
3. I hold a number of QFRS specific competencies and a list detailing those competencies is attached to this statement and marked "DC-2".
4. The Western Command Area comprises of a number of Auxiliary Fire Stations in the Lockyer Valley including: Helidon, Gatton, Forest Hill, Esk, Lowood, Toongoolawah, Rosewood, Marburg, and Laidley.

*Preparation and Planning for 2010/2011 Floods*

5. Approximately 18 months prior to the 2010/2011 flooding events, we experienced a severe weather condition and minor flooding around Laidley, Hattonvale, Marburg and Forrest Hill. During this incident there was an elderly lady who was killed while attempting to cross flood waters and this prompted me to review training activities in my area.
6. After this incident I made a request to the Senior Rescue Coordinator to organise a Swift Water Rescue awareness program for auxiliary fire fighters in my area. Over the next four or five months this program was developed and urban fire officers from Ipswich attended the various Auxiliary stations in my area to conduct this training.

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- 7. This training focuses on the mitigation of potential risks to auxiliary firefighters in flooding events, showing them the hazards of entering a swift water environment to conduct rescues and also provides training on how auxiliary fire-fighters can assist trained SWR when responding to incidents involving flood waters.
- 8. Assistance can be provided in a number of ways including: observing the scene, recording the particulars of the incident, maintaining contact with people in distress, conveying relevant information to FireCom and assisting Swift Water Rescue ("SWR") personnel upon their arrival at the scene.
- 9. In addition to specific Swift Water Awareness training, all firefighters in the region are involved in an ongoing training program to prepare personnel for all hazards that might arise in the region. This is facilitated by regular weekly training of auxiliary fire-fighters.
- 10. Firefighters from my Command are also provided with a briefing pre fire season (August to November) and pre wet season (November to January). Such briefings include weather data and predictions for the impending season.

*Involvement in 2010/2011 Flood Operations*

- 11. On 10 January 2010, I commenced work at the Gatton Area Office at 08:00.
- 12. Upon arriving at the office I contacted by phone auxiliary fire fighters from the 8 of the 9 towns within my area being Helidon, Forest Hill, Esk, Lowood, Toogoolawah, Rosewood, Marburg and Laidley. The phone conversation was to establish availability of each auxiliary station, their access in and out of their towns and the identification of flooded areas that may not be reachable during the flood events.
- 13. Later that morning the Gatton Station Officer attend the fire station and did a physical check on station resources and noted that everything seemed to be fine.
- 14. At approximately 13:00 there was an incident on the Warrego highway just north of Helidon, and units from Forest Hill had responded. Due to the limited radio information coming back from those already in attendance I observed a different operational tempo and made a decision to respond to the incident personally.
- 15. While on route to the incident, I observed that traffic heading west along the Warrego was at a stand still 2KM from the intersection of the Lockyer creek and the Warrego highway. Because of these traffic conditions, I had to travel cautiously with lights and siren on to gain access to the incident.
- 16. Upon arriving at scene I was informed that a vehicle had been washed from the road into the floodwaters and that there were three persons of concern. I observed that the Lockyer Creek had become a raging torrent and estimate that it was 3 - 4 meters over of the rails of the overpass/bridge creating a water span of approximately 60 metres which was increasing rapidly. This required us to move back traffic on both the east and western sides of the water for their own safety.

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17. I tried to document the Incident Control Point activities ("ICP") but was unable to do so because of the severe nature of the weather conditions.
18. I surveyed the scene and we awaited the arrival of Swift Water Rescue ("SWR") technicians. Upon their arrival I directed the SWR technicians not to enter the water due to the treacherous conditions.
19. As we couldn't see the vehicle that had been washed into the flood water, I called for air support which later resulted in the rescue of one adult female.
20. Upon retrieval, the adult female was brought to the site where we had established our incident control point. She was clearly distressed and I arranged for a female QFRS officer to comfort her and transport her to Gatton Hospital for treatment.
21. Some time later that afternoon the flood waters partially receded and a Queensland Police Service ("QPS") vehicle came through carrying a boy. I noted that the other occupants of the car in distress (other than the adult female already rescued) were reported to be an adult male and a child.
22. I arranged for QPS to meet the QFRS vehicle which was conveying the rescued woman to hospital and it happened that the child found by QPS was in fact the son of the woman already rescued.
23. QPS also advised me that there was a seven metre wall of water heading for the Lockyer Valley from Murphys Creek and I immediately made a priority radio call to warn all QFRS personal (via FireCom) that this was to occur.
24. Later that evening I returned to the Gatton Area Office and also the Gatton Fire Station whereupon I discovered that resources and personnel had been deployed from southeast region to set up an Incident Control Centre at Gatton Urban Auxiliary fire station.
25. Upon my return I was made aware of the fatalities of the family of a Rural Fire Fighter in Grantham and that he was located at the RSL at Helidon. I was asked by QPS to organise someone to pick up the officer from the RSL. I attended the RSL personally, collected the officer and his son and brought them back to the Gatton Area Command Office.
26. By this time we had located some friends of the man and made sure that there was a warm and welcoming environment for him to stay in.
27. I also contacted the Brigade Chaplin and asked him some for some advice on how to best conduct the next hour or two which included listening to distressed officer and identifying his immediate needs. Ultimately the officer in distress, his son and a friend were conveyed to Toowoomba by QPS where they were accommodated.
28. I tried to return home later that evening and was stopped by flood waters at the Forest Hill Warego Highway intersection. I then returned to the Gatton Incident Control Centre and assisted in the operations being conducted there.

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29. During the remainder of the period from 11 January 2011 until Friday 28 January 2011, I alternated between the role of Incident Controller, Local Disaster Management Group ("LDMG") Liaison Officer and Operations Officer at the Gatton Incident Control Point ("ICP") at Gatton.
30. The role of the Incident Controller is to coordinate, manage the incident management team ("ICM") to effect response and recovery activities in the area. This role requires management of a team of officers who are coordinating various operations in planning, logistics and response. This team is responsible for coordination of all QFRS activities in the relevant area.
31. The role of the Operations Officer is to coordinate all response activities to bring an emergency situation to a level where individuals, property and the environment are in a state of control, either by QFRS or another controlling body. While an Incident controller manages the ICP team, the operational officer has a hands-on roll in tasking and managing front-line operational response and works closely with the Incident Control Officer.
32. The role of the LDMG Liaison Officer is to facilitate a point of contact for the QFRS and the LDMG. The Liaison officer advises the LDMG on matters that the fire service can assist in either response or recovery and advises on the specialty services that the fire service can offer including Swift Water Rescue and Hazmat. The LDMG liaison officer is also the point of contact for tasking of the QFRS by the LDMG.

#### *Use of Weather Information*

33. I am sent weather updates by email and regularly monitor weather information from the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM).
34. My main use of weather data in my command is to promote situational awareness of potential hazards and to facilitate contingency planning in the event that areas may be cut off if a response is required.

#### *Local Disaster Management Group*

35. There are two LDMG's in my region being Sommerset Regional Council ("SRC") and the Lockyer Valley LDMG. QFRS have a representative member at each group.
36. As outlined in paragraph [32], at various time throughout the flood events, I was the nominated QFRS liaison officer at the Lockyer Valley LDMG.
37. Generally, my role was to act as a liaison point between QFRS and the LDMG and to provide the LDMG with up to date advice on QFRS capacity to respond within the local area.
38. My interactions with the LDMG can be broadly divided into assisting with the response and recovery phases of the operation.
39. In the response phase the LDMG was responsible to tasking QFRS and directed me (as the QFRS representative) to conduct QFRS operations as necessary throughout the local area in addition to any specific requests for assistance from the LDMG.

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- 40. While QFRS conducted numerous response tasks during the flooding events, one of the significant requests received from the LDMG was to assist in the evacuation of Forest Hill.
- 41. In this instance, the Chair of the LDMG asked me to send a warning to all personnel in Forest Hill advising that they may be evacuated. I responded by calling the Forest Hill Fire Captain who conducted a door-knock of town to warn residents of the impending evacuation.
- 42. QFRS personnel also had a direct involvement in the eventual evacuation of the town and worked closely with the Australian Defense Force ("ADF") who utilised black hawk helicopters to facilitate the evacuation.
- 43. In the recovery phase, the Lockyer Valley LDMG focused heavily on restoring infrastructure. During this time, QFRS provided a range of recovery activities including responding to requests for assistance in home environment. Such activities included: structural inspections, gaining access to residences, cleaning out residences and providing advice to residents that it was safe (or otherwise) to re-enter their homes.
- 44. QFRS also worked closely with QPS and the Local Government to accurately record and map which street/residences in the areas had been attended to and which streets still required recovery tasks to be undertaken.
- 45. In the Grantham area the QFRS had a significant involvement and worked closely with the QPS and ADF personnel with recovery operations in that area.
- 46. During those operations a member of the ADF suffered a chemical burn due to hazardous material (e.g. farming chemicals) that had been displaced during the flooding incident. This incident was reported by an ADF officer at an LDMG meeting at which I was present.
- 47. I facilitated a referral to the QFRS Scientific Branch who were able to survey the area and provide advice on management of the many chemical hazards that existed in the area.

*Interaction with the DDC, DDMG, SDMG, SDCC and SDC*

- 48. In my role as Area Commander, I work closely with local personnel within my area and have an active involvement in the LDMG.
- 49. I do not have any direct contact with the District Disaster Coordinator ("DDC"), the State Disaster Management Group ("SDMG"), the State Disaster Coordination Centre ("SDCC") or the State Disaster Coordinator ("SDC").
- 50. There were several occasions throughout the recovery and response operations where I spoke briefly with the District Disaster Management Group and SDCC to provide advice on local QFRS resources and capacity to respond.

*Involvement with State Agencies*

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- 51. I have good working relationships with senior staff from the local QPS and QAS that relationship continued throughout the response and recovery phases of the 2010/2011 flood operations.
- 52. Through my involvement in the LDMG, prior to and during the floods I recall being briefed by SPQ Water who provided advice on the effect that dam releases would have on waterways and flood levels in the local area.
- 53. I also liaised with the Department of Communities (regarding evacuation centres), Emergency Management Queensland ("EMQ") (regarding response and recovery activities), QHEALTH and the Department of Mines and Energy (regarding the explosive depot in Helidon.)

*Involvement with Commonwealth Agencies*

- 54. Generally requests for assistance and/or liaison with Commonwealth Agencies is facilitated by the LDMG and therefore it is not usual for me to liaise with Commonwealth Agencies.
- 55. The exception to this was in the recovery operations in the Grantham area where I worked closely with the QPS and ADF personnel who were deployed in the area to co-ordinate operations and assist me with tasking.

*Communications and Equipment*

- 56. On a timely basis, we briefed the incident controller of the Regional Operations Control Centre of our ongoing activities and operations through a number of media including FireCom, email, telephone and electronically through the use of computer programs.
- 57. I observed several occasions where IT systems experienced a slow response or froze. I was advised that this was caused by the backlog of data due to the large amount of traffic being conveyed over the data connection. Alternate methods of communication were employed as a contingency measure when such failures occurred.
- 58. Other equipment that is standard on fire appliances and kept in stations including radios, appliances and other inventory equipment performed as expected.

*QFRS Response*

- 59. I observed that QFRS were able to effectively respond to a wide range of tasks in the 2010/2011 flood season.
- 60. I also observed that all requests for specialist QFRS resources (including Swift Water Rescue and Urban Search and Rescue trained personal) were responded to in a timely matter.

*QFRS Training*

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Enrolments  
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Curricula: David Caughley

Curricula

Curriculum	Status(% complete)	Assigned by	Acquired On	Targ
<u>BSZ408A Review Training</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	06/07/2000	
<u>F-PUAFIR201A Prevent Injury</u>	Acquired	Saba Config, F-JR-FM1-Prog	10/10/2005	
<u>F-RARINC RAR INCIDENT MANAGEMENT</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	03/12/1999	
<u>F-RPL05 Identify the Need for Appropriate Turnaround Time Within the Total RPL Process</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	19/02/1998	
<u>F-PUAFIR303A Suppress Wildfire</u>	Acquired	Hannah Rogers	26/08/2008	
<u>F-PUAOPE007A Command Agency Personnel Within a Multi-Agency Emergency Response</u>	Acquired	Caroline Fowke	14/05/2005	
<u>BSZ402A Conduct Assessment</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	06/07/2000	
<u>F-1.25 High Angle Rescue 1</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	02/07/1999	
<u>F-PUAFIR509A Implement Prevention Strategies</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	08/09/2005	
<u>F-PUASAR007A Undertake Structural Collapse Rescue</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	04/11/2004	
<u>F-QFSA02 Assessment Characteristics</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	19/02/1998	
<u>F-QFST01 INTRODUCTION TO TRAINING</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	19/02/1998	
<u>BSZ401A Plan Assessment</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	06/07/2000	
<u>BSZ403A Review Assessment</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	06/07/2000	
<u>F-DESRAR Road Accident Rescue</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	03/12/1999	
<u>F-FMI005 Diploma of Frontline Management</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	31/08/1999	
<u>F-PUAOHS001B Follow Defined Occupational Health and Safety Policies and Procedures</u>	Acquired	Saba Config, F-JR-FM1-Prog	10/10/2005	
<u>F-QFRCS1 Introduction to Confined Space - Industry</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	29/01/2001	
<u>F-FNA450 Fire Management 1 (EM1)</u>	Acquired	F-JR-FM1-Prog	10/10/2005	
<u>F-PUAOPE005A Manage A Multi-Team Response</u>	Acquired	Caroline Fowke	14/05/2005	
<u>F-PUAFIR203A Respond to Urban Fire</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	27/10/2006	
<u>F-PUAOPE002A Operate Communications Systems and Equipment</u>	Acquired	Saba Config, F-JR-FM1-Prog	10/10/2005	
<u>F-QFRBR1 FIREGROUND - SAFE ELECTRICAL PRACTICES</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	22/03/2002	
<u>F-QFSA04 Recording and Review of Procedures</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	19/02/1998	
<u>F-RPL04 Demonstrate Communication Skills Required by RPL Assessors</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	19/02/1998	
<u>F-RPL06 Record RPL Assessment Including Review Procedures</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	19/02/1998	
<u>F-HLTFA404A Apply Advanced Resuscitation Techniques</u>	Acquired	Lee-Ann Townsend	09/12/2008	

<u>BSZ407A Deliver Training Sessions</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	06/07/2000
<u>F-PUAOPE008A Coordinate Resources within a Multi-Agency Emergency Response</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	26/02/2007
<u>F-QFSA01 Introduction to Workplace Assessment</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	19/02/1998
<u>E-RARRES RAR RESCUE TECHNIQUES</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	03/12/1999
<u>BSZ404A Train Small Groups</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	06/07/2000
<u>E-2.17B Trench Rescue</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	08/12/2000
<u>F-2.17C Confined Space Rescue</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	29/01/2001
<u>F-PUAEQU001A Prepare, Maintain and Test Response Equipment</u>	Acquired	Saba Config, F-JR-FM1-Prog	10/10/2005
<u>F-PUAOPE006A Control Multi-Agency Emergency Situations</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	26/02/2007
<u>F-QFST03 Instruction Techniques</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	19/02/1998
<u>F-QFSWPA Short Course in Workplace Assessment</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	19/02/1998
<u>E-RARORG RAR ORGANISATION</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	03/12/1999
<u>F-RPL02 Demonstrate and Explain a Generally Accepted Diagram Model for RPL Procedures</u>	Acquired	Saba Config	19/02/1998

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# Learning History

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Region: QFRS South Eastern Region  
Organisation Unit: QFRS SE Regional Operations Branch

Certifications	Status	Completed	Expiry Date
FNA480 Senior First Aid	Overdue		
FNA480 Senior First Aid	Expired	17/03/2005	17/03/2008
FNA481 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	Overdue		
FNA481 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	Expired	17/03/2005	17/03/2006
FNA481 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	Expired	9/12/2008	09/12/2009
FNA481 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	Expired	18/10/2009	18/10/2010
FNA482 Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	Overdue		
FNA482 Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	Expired	16/07/2006	16/07/2007
FNA482 Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	Expired	9/12/2008	09/12/2009
FNA482 Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	Expired	18/10/2009	18/10/2010
ZSKR200 Senior Officers Core Skills Block 2	Assigned		
ZSKR300 Senior Officer Core Skills Block 3	Assigned		
ZSKR400 Senior Officer Core Skills Block 4	Assigned		
ZSKR500 Senior Officer Core Skills Block 5 Urban	Assigned		
ZSKR700 Senior Officer Core Skills Block 7 Urban	Assigned		

Curricula	Status	Completed
1.25 High Angle Rescue 1	Acquired	2/07/1999
2.17B Trench Rescue	Acquired	8/12/2000
2.17C Confined Space Rescue	Acquired	29/01/2001
2.17D High Angle Rescue 2	Acquired	11/10/2000
21688VIC Course in Australasian Inter-Service Incident Management System (AIIMS)	Acquired	26/02/2007
4.04 Incident Control System - Agency Specific	Acquired	2/03/2001
BSZ40198 Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training	Acquired	6/07/2000
BSZ401A Plan Assessment	Acquired	6/07/2000
BSZ402A Conduct Assessment	Acquired	6/07/2000
BSZ403A Review Assessment	Acquired	6/07/2000
BSZ404A Train Small Groups	Acquired	6/07/2000
BSZ405A Plan and Promote a Training Program	Acquired	6/07/2000
BSZ406A Plan a Series of Training Sessions	Acquired	6/07/2000
BSZ407A Deliver Training Sessions	Acquired	6/07/2000
BSZ408A Review Training	Acquired	6/07/2000
DESRAR Road Accident Rescue	Acquired	3/12/1999
FMI005 Diploma of Frontline Management	Acquired	31/08/1999
FNA003 Electrical De-energising	Acquired	1/03/2002

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Curricula	Status	Completed
FNA450 Fire Management 1 (FM1)	Acquired	10/10/2005
HLTCPR201A Perform CPR	Acquired	9/12/2008
HLTFA404A Apply Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	Acquired	9/12/2008
PUAEQU001A Prepare, Maintain and Test Response Equipment	Acquired	10/10/2005
PUAFIR201A Prevent Injury	Acquired	10/10/2005
PUAFIR203A Respond to Urban Fire	Acquired	27/10/2006
PUAFIR204A Respond to Wildfire	Acquired	6/09/2004
PUAFIR207B Operate breathing apparatus open circuit	Acquired	29/01/2010
PUAFIR303A Suppress Wildfire	Acquired	26/08/2008
PUAFIR509A Implement Prevention Strategies	Acquired	8/09/2005
PUAOHS001B Follow Defined Occupational Health and Safety Policies and Procedures	Acquired	10/10/2005
PUAOPE002A Operate Communications Systems and Equipment	Acquired	10/10/2005
PUAOPE005A Manage A Multi-Team Response	Acquired	14/05/2005
PUAOPE006A Control Multi-Agency Emergency Situations	Acquired	26/02/2007
PUAOPE007A Command Agency Personnel Within a Multi-Agency Emergency Response	Acquired	14/05/2005
PUAOPE008A Coordinate Resources within a Multi-Agency Emergency Response	Acquired	26/02/2007
PUASAR007A Undertake Structural Collapse Rescue	Acquired	4/11/2004
PUATEA001A Work in a Team	Acquired	10/10/2005
QFRCSI Introduction to Confined Space - Industry	Acquired	29/01/2001
QFRRR1 FIREGROUND - SAFE ELECTRICAL PRACTICES	Acquired	22/03/2002
QFSA01 Introduction to Workplace Assessment	Acquired	19/02/1998
QFSA02 Assessment Characteristics	Acquired	19/02/1998
QFSA03 Planning and Initiation of Assessment	Acquired	19/02/1998
QFSA04 Recording and Review of Procedures	Acquired	19/02/1998
QFSRPL Recognition of Prior Learning Assessment	Acquired	19/02/1998
QFST01 INTRODUCTION TO TRAINING	Acquired	19/02/1998
QFST02 Training Preparation	Acquired	19/02/1998
QFST03 Instruction Techniques	Acquired	19/02/1998
QFST04 ROLE OF THE MENTOR	Acquired	19/02/1998
QFSWPA Short Course in Workplace Assessment	Acquired	19/02/1998
QFSWTR Certificate IV In Workplace Training	Acquired	19/02/1998
RARINC RAR INCIDENT MANAGEMENT	Acquired	3/12/1999
RARORG RAR ORGANISATION	Acquired	3/12/1999

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Curricula	Status	Completed
RARRES RAR RESCUE TECHNIQUES	Acquired	3/12/1999
RARVEH RAR ROAD VEHICLE CONSTRUCTION	Acquired	3/12/1999
RPL01 Explain the History, Principles and Purpose of the Recognition of Prior Learning	Acquired	19/02/1998
RPL02 Demonstrate and Explain a Generally Accepted Diagram Model for RPL Procedures	Acquired	19/02/1998
RPL03 Explain the RPL Assessment Methods in Relation to Queensland Fire Service Policy	Acquired	19/02/1998
RPL04 Demonstrate Communication Skills Required By RPL Assessors	Acquired	19/02/1998
RPL05 Identify the Need for Appropriate Turnaround Time Within the Total RPL Process	Acquired	19/02/1998
RPL06 Record RPL Assessment Including Review Procedures	Acquired	19/02/1998
VBP227 Australasian Inter-service Incident Management System (AIMS)	Acquired	26/02/2007

Courses	Status	Completed
1.25-1 High Angle Rescue 1 course	Successful	2/07/1999
2.17B-1 Trench Rescue course	Successful	8/12/2000
2.17C-1 Confined Space Rescue course	Successful	29/01/2001
2.17D-1 High Angle Rescue 2 course	Successful	11/10/2000
4.04-1 Incident Control System - Agency Specific course	Successful	2/03/2001
BUNIT328 Supportive Leadership	Successful	17/11/2004
CSFC010 QFRS Awareness for PREPARE.ACT.SURVIVE.	Successful	26/07/2010
FMI_UNIT1 Manage Personal Work Priorities and Professional Development	Successful	31/08/1999
FMI_UNIT10 Facilitate And Capitalise On Change And Innovation	Successful	31/08/1999
FMI_UNIT11 Contribute To The Development Of A Workplace Learning Environment	Successful	31/08/1999
FMI_UNIT2 Provide Leadership in the Workplace	Successful	31/08/1999
FMI_UNIT3 Establish and Manage Effective Workplace Relationships	Successful	31/08/1999
FMI_UNIT4 Participate In, Lead and Facilltate Work Team	Successful	31/08/1999
FMI_UNIT5 Manage Operations To Achieve Planned Outcomes	Successful	31/08/1999
FMI_UNIT6 Manage Workplace Information	Successful	31/08/1999
FMI_UNIT7 Manage Quality Customer Service	Successful	31/08/1999
FMI_UNIT8 Develop And Maintain A Safe Workplace And Environment	Successful	31/08/1999
FMI_UNIT9 Implement And Monitor Continuous Improvement Systems And Processes	Successful	31/08/1999
FPEMC03 Advanced Resuscitation	Successful	2/01/2003
FPEMC03R Advanced Resuscitation Recertification	Successful	2/01/2003
FPEMC03R Advanced Resuscitation Recertification	Successful	2/02/2004

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Courses	Status	Completed
FPEMC03R Advanced Resuscitation Recertification	Successful	17/03/2005
FPEMC03R Advanced Resuscitation Recertification	Successful	16/07/2006
FPEMC06 Senior First Aid Full	Successful	2/01/2003
FPEMC06R Senior First Aid Recertification	Successful	2/02/2004
FPEMC06R Senior First Aid Recertification	Successful	17/03/2005
FUNIT005 Electrical De-energising - Low Voltage Extraction	Successful	1/03/2002
FUNIT137 Compartment Fire Behaviour Training (CFBT)	Successful	18/03/2003
FUNIT137 Compartment Fire Behaviour Training (CFBT)	Successful	14/12/2009
FUNIT140 Drug Lab Hazards Awareness	Successful	14/12/2009
FUNIT150 Flash Hood Fitting Instruction	Successful	29/01/2010
FUNIT211 WH&S - Stage 1 - EXTERNAL - NSCA	Successful	1/01/1998
FUNIT212 WH&S - Stage 2 - EXTERNAL - NSCA WH&S Officer	Successful	1/01/1998
FUNIT228 BA Refresher	Successful	9/12/2009
FUNIT228 BA Refresher	Successful	29/01/2010
FUNIT241 Urban Search and Rescue - Category I - Instructor	Successful	15/12/2004
FUNIT269 Fire Warden - Permit to Light	Successful	8/09/2004
FUNIT282 Incident Control Radio Communication - Introduction	Successful	27/09/2004
FUNIT282 Incident Control Radio Communication - Introduction	Successful	15/10/2008
FUNIT292 Bushfire Prepared Communities - Introduction to	Successful	1/11/2005
FUNIT295 Operations Doctrine - Introduction	Successful	14/05/2005
FUNIT311 Operations Doctrine - Detail	Successful	14/03/2005
FUNIT314 Air Attack Guidelines for Fireline Personnel	Successful	19/08/2005
FUNIT387 Vector Strategic Scenario	Successful	8/12/2008
FUNIT391 AIMS/IMS Planning Officer	Successful	12/05/2006
FUNIT396 Tactical Incident Management - Area Director	Successful	14/12/2009
FUNIT405 Operations Mapping System	Successful	21/09/2006
FUNIT406 Operations Mapping System - Awareness	Successful	9/05/2006
FUNIT407 AIMS/IMS - Management	Successful	26/02/2007
FUNIT460 AIMS/IMS - Planning Officer - Instructor	Successful	12/05/2006
FUNIT489 Leadership Within a CLM Structure	Successful	3/11/2005
FUNIT493 Senior Officers Command & Control Residential	Successful	1/09/2006
FUNIT529 Prepare, Stay and Defend or Go Early	In Progress	
FUNIT529 Prepare, Stay and Defend or Go Early	Successful	29/03/2007
FUNIT551 Greater Alarm Response System - GARS Awareness	Successful	29/04/2008
HLTCPR201A-1 Perform CPR-actively	Successful	9/12/2008

# Learning History

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Includes Profiles:  
000806 26 QFRS

Region: QFRS South Eastern Region

Organisation Unit: QFRS SE Regional Operations Branch

Courses	Status	Completed
HLTCPR201A-1 Perform CPR-activity	Successful	18/10/2009
HLTFA404A-1 Advanced Resuscitation - activity	Successful	9/12/2008
HLTFA404A-1 Advanced Resuscitation - activity	Successful	18/10/2009
HRBC010 Code Of Conduct Awareness	In Progress	
HRBC010 Code Of Conduct Awareness	Successful	9/03/2010
OPRC005 Electronic command and control	Successful	13/11/2009
PERC015 Diversity in the workplace	In Progress	
PERC020 Solving people problems	In Progress	
PERC025 Leading teams	In Progress	
PUAFIR204A-1 Respond to Wildfire-assessment	Successful	6/09/2004
PUAFIR207B-1 Operate breathing apparatus (open circuit)-actively	Successful	29/01/2010
PUAFIR303A-1 Suppress Wildfire course	Successful	26/08/2008
PUAFIR509A-1 Implement Prevention Strategies-assessment	Successful	8/09/2005
PUASAR007A-1 Undertake Structural Collapse Rescue course	Successful	4/11/2004
QFRCSI-1 Introduction to Confined Space - Industry course	Successful	29/01/2001
QFRRR1-1 FIREGROUND - SAFE ELECTRICAL PRACTICES course	Successful	22/03/2002
QFSA01-1 Introduction to Workplace Assessment course	Successful	19/02/1998
QFSA02-1 Assessment Characteristics course	Successful	19/02/1998
QFSA03-1 Planning and Initiation of Assessment course	Successful	19/02/1998
QFSA04-1 Recording and Review of Procedures course	Successful	19/02/1998
QFST01-1 INTRODUCTION TO TRAINING course	Successful	19/02/1998
QFST02-1 Training Preparation course	Successful	19/02/1998
QFST03-1 Instruction Techniques course	Successful	19/02/1998
QFST04-1 ROLE OF THE MENTOR course	Successful	19/02/1998
RARINC-1 RAR INCIDENT MANAGEMENT course	Successful	3/12/1999
RARORG-1 RAR ORGANISATION course	Successful	3/12/1999
RARRES-1 RAR RESCUE TECHNIQUES course	Successful	3/12/1999
RARVEH-1 RAR ROAD VEHICLE CONSTRUCTION course	Successful	3/12/1999
RPL01-1 Explain the History, Principles and Purpose of the Recognition of Prior Learning course	Successful	19/02/1998
RPL02-1 Demonstrate and Explain a Generally Accepted Diagram Model for RPL Procedures course	Successful	19/02/1998
RPL03-1 Explain the RPL Assessment Methods in Relation to Queensland Fire Service Policy course	Successful	19/02/1998
RPL04-1 Demonstrate Communication Skills Required By RPL Assessors course	Successful	19/02/1998

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RPL05-1 Identify the Need for Appropriate Turnaround Time Within the Total RPL Process course	Successful	19/02/1998
RPL06-1 Record RPL Assessment Including Review Procedures course	Successful	19/02/1998
SPDC110 Introduction to Privacy	Successful	4/12/2009
X_FPBF01 Building Fire Safety Level 1: 40 hour Course	Successful	29/05/2000
X_FPENC07 Emergency Care Maintenance: Competency Maintenance	Successful	1/01/1998
X_FPFIV01 Fire Investigation Level 1: Introduction 16 hour Course	Successful	24/10/2001
X_FPIND03 Induction Program: New Appointees - Officer	Successful	29/03/2000
X_FPODP01 Officer Development: BOP 3 or ODP 3	Successful	1/01/1989
X_FPOTR01 Officer Training S/O: Station Officer FPO2-PP1 Theory	Successful	1/01/1998
X_FPOTR02 Officer Training S/O: Station Officer FPO2-PP1 Practical	Successful	1/01/1998
X_FPOTR03 Officer Training S/O: Station Officer FPO2-PP2 Theory	Successful	1/01/1998
X_FPOTR04 Officer Training S/O: Station Officer FPO2-PP2 Practical	Successful	1/01/1998
X_FPRES01 RAR Level 1 Operator: 40 Hour Course	Successful	24/10/1998
X_FPWPT03 Workplace Training Level 2 Informing Others: 5 Day Course	Successful	1/01/1998
X_FPWPT04 Workplace Training Level 2 Instructing Others: 5 Day Course	Successful	1/01/1998
X_FPWPT11 Workplace Training RPL Senior Consultant: 3 Day Course	Successful	1/02/1998
ZSKC100 IC500AS Guide for First Senior Officer at an Incident	In Progress	
ZSKC101 IC501AS Hierarchy of Command and Control	In Progress	
ZSKC102 IC502AS Role of Divisional Commander	In Progress	
ZSKC103 IC503AS Snr Officers Core Skills GARS	In Progress	
ZSKC104 IC504AS Duties of the Incident Controller	In Progress	
ZSKC105 IC505AS Duties of the Planning Officer	In Progress	
ZSKC106 IC506AS Role of the Operations Officer	In Progress	
ZSKC107 IC507AS Role of the Logistics Officer	In Progress	
ZSKC108 MS501AS Command, Leadership and Management Core Skills	In Progress	
ZSKC200 01 HM610AS Introduction to chemical fires	Successful	1/02/2010
ZSKC201 02 HM611AS Introduction to chemical fires and managing safety	Successful	1/02/2010
ZSKC202 03 HM612AS Applying the measurements	Successful	1/02/2010
ZSKC203 04 HM613AS Risk assessment and planning	Successful	1/02/2010
ZSKC204 05 HM614AS Chemical detection capability	Successful	1/02/2010
ZSKC205 HM500AS Managing a decontamination area	In Progress	
ZSKC206 HM615AS Health Surveillance	In Progress	
ZSKC207 HM616AS Recovery Arrangements for Major Hazmat Incident	In Progress	
ZSKC208 HM617AS Guidelines for Transport Emergency Response Plan	In Progress	
ZSKC209 HM502AS Clandestine drug lab incidents	In Progress	



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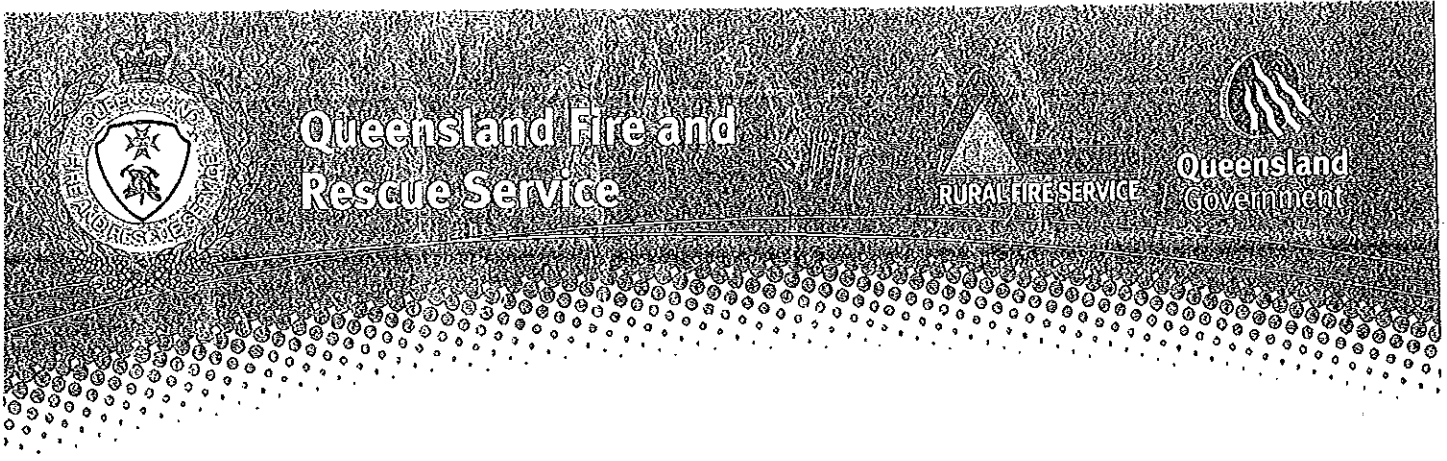
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ZSKC211 HM506AS Corrosive Material Incidents	In Progress	
ZSKC212 HM507AS Radioactive materials incidents	In Progress	
ZSKC500 Senior Officer Positive Pressure Ventilation	In Progress	
ZSKC501 Senior Officer Public Safety Preservation Act	In Progress	
ZSKC600 Disaster Management Act - Legislative Changes	In Progress	
ZSKC602 Relationship between the ICC, ROCC and SOCC	In Progress	
ZSKC604 Cobra Cold Cut System (CCS) Awareness	In Progress	



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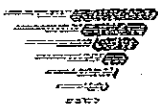


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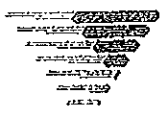


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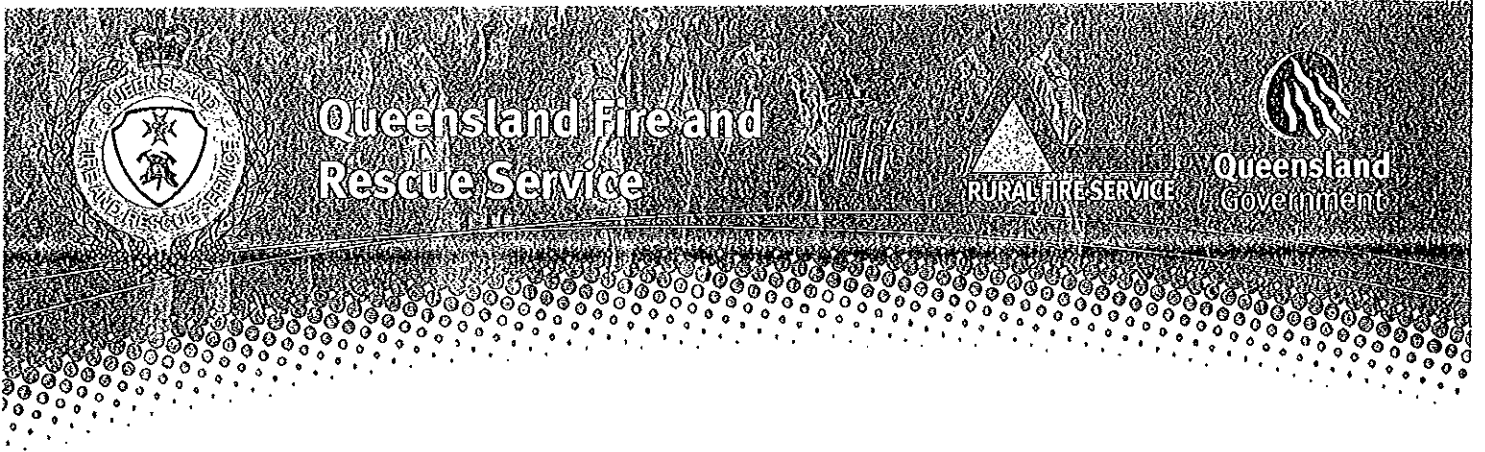
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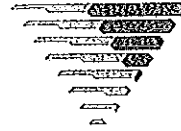


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Competency

PERFORM CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION

Recommended Renewal Date\*\*

09/12/2009

in completion of a nationally accredited short course

**HLTCPR201A - PERFORM CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION  
(CPR)**

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me.*

Signature: [Redacted]

Service No: [Redacted]

Date:

2 MAR 2009

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For and on behalf of the Commissioner  
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Course No: 16071112  
Document No: 1836232

Issued Date: 09/12/2008  
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Competency

APPLY ADVANCED RESUSCITATION TECHNIQUES

Recommended Renewal Date\*\*

09/12/2009

in completion of a nationally accredited short course

**HLTFA404A - APPLY ADVANCED RESUSCITATION TECHNIQUES**

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Signature: [Redacted]

Service No: [Redacted]

Date: 2 MAR 2009

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Queensland Ambulance Service

Course No: 16071113  
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## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Prepared by: Legal Services Unit

Date: 4.4.2011

Name of Witness: Bruce Wayne Smith

Address of Witness: Department of Community Safety---Toowoomba

Occupation: Public Servant

Position: QFRS Manager Regional Staff Development--South West Region

Rank: Superintendent

Telephone:

I, BRUCE WAYNE SMITH, hold the position of Superintendent within the QFRS-- Department of Community Safety state:

1. Brief paragraph around your experience, i.e. background, time spent in current role/time spent in similar roles. -- Qualifications
  - I have been a Firefighter since the 5<sup>th</sup> January 1981
  - I have held senior executive positions in the QFRS since 1998
  - I am currently the Manager Staff Development and have held this position since November 2009
  - Prior to that, I held the position of Area Director for Toowoomba whilst at a Superintendent level
  - I hold qualifications in Incident Management (AIMS), Command and Control, Applied Management and hold a Diploma in Training and Assessment
2. My current position, Manager Regional Staff Development requires me to oversee the -- overall co-ordination and management of staff development (permanent and auxiliary in south-west region).
3. I am not involved in the strategic planning or preplanning for disaster management -- that role is assigned to the Inspector of Toowoomba command.
4. On Monday 3.1.11 I was deployed to St George as the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service Coordinator for anticipated flooding on Thursday 6.1.11. My role was to attend the LDMG meetings and co-ordinate QFRS activities. I was at St George until Saturday (8.1.11). My role included attending the daily LDMG meetings; coordinating the Swift Water Rescue (SWR) officers and tasking them as required.

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5. My involvement for the Toowoomba incident, on the 10.1.11, occurred after visiting a friend in North Street, when it started to rain around lunchtime. There was a lot of rain and as I drove down North Street in my vehicle I witnessed water about 30cm or deeper, gushing down the road.
6. I knew there would be a lot of water in town and when I reached the bottom of Ruthven and North Streets the water was approximately 30-40 cm deep across the road. My aim then was to get back to Anzac Ave fire station as I knew the ROCC was operating and wanted to assist.
7. I then heard on the fire service radio that an appliance could not make access to Murphys Creek due to water over the road at Griffith and Ruthven Streets; I then drove down Ruthven Street and turned into Jelliffe Street and saw about two feet of water over the road; and my access was blocked.
8. I then made my way via Russell Street, via town, to Anzac Ave. When I drove into Anzac Ave the fire service radio was chaotic. SWR were conducting rescues at James & McKenzie Streets and at Grand Central. I made my way up to the station and informed firecom that there were three auxiliaries on station and was able to respond if required. A job was tasked on the Range, at which point Station Officer Wensley arrived at the station. I advised that officer to man the Appliance with auxiliaries and respond to the range incident where cars were in trouble. The large amount of water had washed cars sideways; and there were stones and mud over the road causing a dangerous situation.
9. I informed Firecom that I would attend the incident at Grand Central to assist. In order to get to Grand Central I travelled down James St, and there was approximately 30 -40cm water across the road. When I approached Helen Street I saw there was a one metre wall of water on my right coming out of Helen Street. I then made my way to Prescott and James Street where there was up to 2 metres of water on the road in front of me. I turned left into Prescott Street with 40 cm of water on the road and made my way along Prescott Street. It was still raining heavily, and I finally made my way to Grand Central.
10. I saw an Appliance and water well over 1 metre across the road. I parked the car and went to assist with rescues. At Grand Central I saw approximately 200 bystanders with firefighters in the water endeavoring to rescue up to 8 people in a bus shelter who were standing on the fence. The water was well over a metre deep and fast flowing. The firefighters were not in the fast flowing water.
11. There was also a male clinging to a tree and firefighters were trying to rescue him.
12. It took about 30 minutes to get a rope to the people in the bus shelter as the water was fast flowing and cars were washing down the water hindering attempts.
13. My role was to contact firecom (Herrie St) because the officers were too busy doing rescues. During this time I was informed by a bystander that approximately 22 people were trapped in McDonalds on the other side of Grand Central. I waded through 45 -60 cm water to get to those people and entered via a side door as the front doors had been closed. The water outside was flowing very fast and about 2ft deep. but inside it was about 8 inches and static. I located up to 20 people at the rear of the building and advised them to stay where they were. It was too dangerous to move them.

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14. I then returned to assist with the rescue of the bus shelter people and the male in the tree.
15. Some time later another SWR level 2 officer arrived and we managed to get a line to the man clinging to the tree. The water was fast flowing and washed the SWR officer and the male about 8-10 metres down the water stream and onto the bonnet of a car. We were able to bring them in to safety and handed the man over to QAS.
16. Once the water had receded after approximately 15 minutes, I went to McDonalds and escorted the 20 people out to safety.
17. We then made up the gear and advised firecom we were available for further tasking. Firecom advised me to go to Chalk Street and Ruthven Street to assist with rescues. On approaching that area at approximately 3pm I was stopped by police and advised that leaking gas cylinders were floating in water at Rumours car park. I observed 2 x 250 kg cylinders dispensing gas. I informed Dave Lethbridge (Officer in Charge) that an Appliance and crew was needed to deal with the leaking gas. QPS also advised that gas was leaking at the back of Pizza hut on other side of the road near WOW.
18. I then tasked one of the QFRS officers (auxiliary from Highfields) to watch the floating gas cylinders, and took the other two QFRS officers with me. I requested QPS officers to move back the numerous bystanders and went through the shop to find the gas leak. I observed the gas was turned off and was later told that another crew had turned it off. I then went back to Ruthven St where the leaking cylinders were. I observed the cylinders were locked and that I needed bolt cutters to unlock the top of the gas LPG cylinder. We accessed a hose reel from a nearby shop for protection and managed to cut the lock and turn off the gas. A fire appliance also provided cover with a Case1 hose line.
19. I then made my way back to Ruthven St and advised firecom that we had dealt with the gas leak and were available for further tasking.
20. I was dispatched to Burstow and Margaret Streets to assist in locating a missing woman and her son. I spent 15-20 min there but was unable to locate anyone. The water was subsiding; the rain had stopped and I then went back to Chalk and Ruthven Streets. I was advised the missing woman was found in the flour mill by a QPS officer but her son had not been located. I was later advised by QFRS officers that the son had been found in a tree in Queens Park.
21. I advised firecom that Chalk and Ruthven Streets would now be the staging area for all appliances and crews.  
Superintendent Waltisbulh arrived and informed me that another depression of rain was to hit town in one hour. Wayne and I set up a control point and tasked firefighters to do a final inspection around the flour mill, as a lot of cars washed to that point and were blocking the still very fast flow of water.
22. The biggest concern at this stage was the next depression of rain. Wayne and I planned where to place trucks and crews should the rain arrive; and hot spots were considered as well as where to locate SWR crews.

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23. Wayne and I went up to Anzac Ave and left a crew and two SWR officers near Chalk Drive, as QPS were having tow trucks pull cars out of creek and searching for missing people. All other crews returned to their stations.
24. The second down pour never arrived and I went home about 6 pm.
25. On Tuesday the 11.1.11 I was tasked by Tom Dawson to assist firecom in the deployment of resources as required. At approximately 10.00am I received a 000 call for Oakey advising that water was bursting the river bank.
26. At 1030am that day I was relieved from firecom and I escorted 4 Swift Water Officers to Oakey. We arrived at approximately 1130am and deployed the officers on the rail-line side of town. Houses were inundated and people needed to be rescued. My role was to provide assistance and oversee the operation.
27. My next tasking was in Goondwindl (from the 13.1.11 – 17.1.11) where my role was similar to that of St George. I was then sent back to St George on the 23.1.11 in the same role as stated above.
28. I make this statement of my own free will believing its contents to be true and correct.

Justices Act 1886

I acknowledge by virtue of Section 110A(6C)(c)(i)(ii) of the Justices Act 1886 that:

- (1) This written statement by me dated 8/4/11 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 8 is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and
- (2) I make it knowing that, if it were admitted as evidence, I may be liable to prosecution for stating anything that I know is false.

..... Signature

Signed at Brisbane this 8 day of 4.....2011

*W. Dawson*

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