



QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE
STATEMENT OF WITNESS



Occurrence #: _____

Statement no.: _____ Date: 09/03/2011

Statement of

Name of witness: CHASE, Simon Antony

Date of birth: _____ Age: _____ Occupation: Police Officer

Police officer taking statement

Name: _____

Rank: Senior Sergeant Reg. no.: 7727

Region/Command/Division: Southern Station: Dalby

Statement:

Simon Antony CHASE states:-

I am a Senior Sergeant of Police, registered number 7727 and I am currently the Officer in Charge of the Dalby Police Station, Southern Police Region. I commenced duty in this position in September 2008.

I joined the Queensland Police Service as a police cadet on 29 January 1989 and was sworn in on 30 June 1990. I have been a continuous serving officer of the Queensland Police Service since this time.

I have 22 years of policing experience having served on the Gold Coast between 1990 and 2001. During this time I was an appointed Detective and worked at the Southern Investigative Group, Gold Coast for a 6 year period between 1995 and 2001. In April 2001 I transferred to General Duty policing and was stationed as the 2 I/C at Miriam Vale Police Station, Central Police Region.

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In October 2002 I was promoted to Sergeant, Officer in Charge, Moranbah. I remained in this position for a period of 3 years and 3 months until January 2006. In January 2006 I was promoted to Senior Sergeant, Officer in Charge, Cunnamulla. I remained in this position for a period of 2 years and 9 months until September 2008. In September 2008 I was the successful applicant for the position as Senior Sergeant, Officer in Charge, Dalby.


Since being promoted to Senior Sergeant, Officer in Charge, Cunnamulla in January 2006 I have relieved as an Inspector of Police for a total of sixty-nine (69) weeks including sixty-four (64) weeks as Acting District Officer, Dalby and Charleville Police Districts.

On 4 August 2010, I commenced relieving as Acting Inspector, Acting District Officer for the Dalby Police District due to the retirement of the District Officer. This relief was initially approved to 22 October 2010 however was later extended to 14 January 2011.

In my role as Acting District Officer, Dalby District I was the appointed District Disaster Coordinator (DDC) for the Dalby Disaster District. The role of the DDC is outlined in Section 26A of the Disaster Management Act 2003 as *"The function of the district disaster coordinator is to coordinate disaster operations in the disaster district for the group"*.

The responsibilities of the DDC include managing and coordinating the business of the District Disaster Management Group (DDMG), ensuring as far as practicable that the group performs its functions and to report regularly to the State group about the performance by the District group of the functions.

In performing the role of DDC I have received training and I have gained experience in disaster management through previous periods of relief as District Officer and DDC. Between 17 and 23 January 2008 I was Acting Inspector, Acting District Officer for the Charleville Police District. During this period Charleville Disaster


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District experienced wide spread flooding. I was the appointed DDC during this period.


On 14 and 15 May 2008 I attended Disaster Management training in Charleville. This training was facilitated by Emergency Management Queensland. I successfully completed training in 'Introduction to Disaster Management Arrangements' and 'Introduction to Disaster Coordination Centre Management Coordination'.

Between 23 and 27 February 2009 I attended training in Mt Macedon, Victoria. This training was facilitated by Emergency Management Australia and I successfully completed training in 'Coordinate resources within a multi-agency emergency response' and 'Manage media requirements at Major Incident'.

On 4 August 2010 I attended an information session in Roma in the company of Inspector Mark STILES, District Officer, Roma. This information session was in respect to the changes to Queensland's Disaster Management arrangements and was facilitated by Inspector Richard HAHN, Disaster and Major Event Planning Branch.

Between 2 and 4 November 2010, I was the Dalby DDC during Exercise ORKO. Exercise ORKO was a disaster management exercise designed around a hypothetical but realistic extreme weather event affecting disaster districts and local governments of the South West Region.

I was the Acting Inspector, Acting District Officer, Dalby Police District and the appointed DDC for the Dalby Disaster District during the initial stages of the flooding event in late December 2010 and early January 2011. On Sunday 2 January 2011 I was relieved by Inspector KAJEWSKI who took over the role as Acting District Officer, Dalby District and DDC. I provided Inspector KAJEWSKI with a briefing on events prior to my departure on this day.


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In response to the written requirement of the Qld Floods Commission of Inquiry dated 28 February 2011, I provide the following information:

The preparation and planning undertaken by the District Disaster Coordinator and the District Disaster Management Group in advance of and/or in relation to the 2010/2011 floods

I commenced relieving as Acting Inspector, Acting District Officer, Dalby Police District on 4 August 2010. I am unable to comment on what preparation and planning the DDC or DDMG undertook prior to this date with respect to the 2010/2011 floods.

I can confirm that the last Dalby District Disaster Management Group meeting prior to this flooding event was held in Dalby on 9 June 2010. The business of that meeting was recorded by minutes.

Between 2 and 4 November 2010, I was the Dalby DDC during Exercise ORKO. Exercise ORKO was a disaster management exercise designed around a hypothetical but realistic extreme weather event affecting disaster districts and local governments of the South West Region.

In December 2010 a significant amount of rain fell within the Dalby Disaster District as well as other areas throughout Queensland. This rainfall caused river heights to rise and flooding in a number of areas across the District.

On 20 December 2010 I contacted Mr Steve HEGEDUS of the Western Downs Regional Council (WDRC). He advised that the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) had activated due to flooding in Dalby and that they currently had the resources to adequately deal with the situation.

At 1030 hours on 20 December 2010 I attended the Local Disaster Coordination Centre (LDCC) situated in Wood Street, Dalby. At this location I spoke with


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members of the Local Disaster Management Group including Acting Senior Sergeant Barry WINTER, who was the appointed police representative on the LDMG and Mr Steve HEGEDUS of the Western Downs Regional Council. I was briefed on the flooding event and was advised that the LDMG was adequately dealing with the event at a local level.


At 1300 hours on 20 December 2010 I re-attended the LDCC in Wood Street, Dalby where I spoke with members of the LDMG and I was updated on the flooding response. I was present during a teleconference with the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM). Information on river heights and forecasts was obtained from BOM during this teleconference.

At 1500 hours on 20 December 2010 I attended an LDMG meeting held at the LDCC in Dalby. This meeting was chaired by Mr Steve HEGEDUS and other members of the LDMG including Acting Senior Sergeant Barry WINTER were present. Advice was received that the Myall Creek was 2.94 metres and expected to peak at 3 metres later in the day. This peak was not expected to cause significant disruption and not require the evacuation of any persons.

At 1659 hours on 20 December 2010 I forwarded a Sitrep to Assistant Commissioner GOLLSCHESKI and Acting Chief Superintendent Andy Morrow, Operations Co-ordinator Southern Region. This was followed up with a verbal briefing on the flooding in Dalby.

At 0800 hours on Tuesday 21 December 2010 I sent an email to all Officers in Charge within the Dalby Police District asking that they review their Local Disaster arrangements and that they make contact with their LDMG's and local SES members.

At 0900 hours on Tuesday 21 December 2010 I attended an LDMG meeting at the LDCC located in Wood Street, Dalby. I spoke with members of the LDMG and was briefed on the flooding event. Information was provided that Myall Creek was falling and not expected to cause any further significant problems. At the conclusion of this


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meeting I conducted a patrol of the Dalby township in the company of Acting Senior Sergeant WINTER.

At 1500 hours on Tuesday 21 December 2010 I attended an LDMG meeting at the Dalby LDCC. I was briefed on the flooding event and advised that the Myall Creek had dropped significantly. At the conclusion of this meeting I conducted a patrol of the Dalby township in the company of Acting Senior Sergeant WINTER.


On return to Dalby Police Station I had a meeting with Executive Officer, Sergeant Mark COLLIER and requested he make contact with all members of the Dalby District Management Group to advise that the group was leaning forward due to the flooding events in Dalby and other areas throughout the Dalby Disaster District.

At 0830 hours on Wednesday 22 December 2010 I attended an LDMG meeting at the Dalby LDCC. At this meeting information was received that Charley's Creek in Chinchilla was 4.85 metres however was expecting to peak at 6 metres. Discussions were held with the LDMG with respect to the response should houses or businesses be inundated.

At the conclusion of this meeting I travelled to Toowoomba Regional Office where I had a meeting with Assistant Commissioner GOLLSCHESKI, Southern Region and Chief Superintendent Andy MORROW, Operations Coordinator, Southern Region. This meeting involved all DDC's in the Southern Police Region and provided advice on reporting requirements and an update on weather forecasts. At this meeting I was advised that the State Disaster Coordination Centre (SDCC) was being staffed 24 hours a day from 23 December 2010.

On return to Dalby Police Station at 1600 hours I contacted Acting Senior Sergeant Barry WINTER and requested information on flooding in Chinchilla. Information received that Charley's Creek was rising slowly.

At 0700 hours on Thursday 23 December 2010 I contacted Senior Constable Ross OLSEN, Chinchilla Station and was provided with an update on the flooding in Chinchilla. Information provided was that Charley's Creek continued to rise slowly


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however no persons had been evacuated. Throughout the day I was in regular contact with Senior Constable OLSEN and Acting Senior Sergeant Barry WINTER with updates on the flooding in Chinchilla.

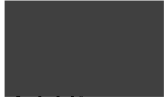
At 0735 hours on this day I forwarded a Sitrep on the flooding in the Dalby Disaster District to Assistant Commissioner GOLLSCHEWSKI and Acting Chief Superintendant Andy MORROW, Southern Region. Charley's Creek at this point in time was 5.1 metres. I am aware that residents in affected areas were door knocked and a letter drop was conducted. At this point in time the Warrego Highway was open to all traffic and no businesses or residences had been inundated.

A short time later I contacted Inspector Mark STILES, District Officer, Roma District and spoke with him with respect to flooding in the Miles area. Miles is located in the Roma Police District however is located within the Dalby Disaster District.

At 1317 hours and 1731 hours on Thursday 23 December 2010 I forwarded a Sitrep to Assistant Commissioner GOLLSCHEWSKI and Acting Chief Superintendant Andy MORROW, Southern Region.

Later on this day all members of the Disaster Management Group were contacted via telephone by the Dalby Disaster District Executive Officer, Sergeant Mark COLLIER and advised that the District Group was leaning forward. All members were asked to confirm contact details and that the group may be activated on Christmas or Boxing day.

On Friday 24 December 2010 I continued to review the BOM web site to monitor river heights, rainfall in the Disaster District and forecasts. At 0701 hours, 0854 hours and 1550 hours on this day I forwarded a Sitrep to Assistant Commissioner GOLLSCHEWSKI and Acting Chief Superintendant Andy MORROW, Southern Region.



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On Sunday 26 December 2010 I conducted patrols of Dalby to review the flooding in the township. I attended Dalby Station where I reviewed the Sitreps received from affected police divisions throughout the District. I subsequently contacted Acting Senior Sergeant Barry WINTER to discuss flooding for the District. BOM data was regularly reviewed throughout the day.


On Monday 27 December 2010 I attended the Local Disaster Coordination Centre situated in Wood Street, Dalby throughout the day where I met with members of the Local Disaster Management Group. I was briefed on flooding and the response of the local group to date. I also spoke to Mr Phil BERTING, CEO Western Downs Regional Council on a number of occasions prior to this date to obtain information and updates on the flooding. I was advised that the LDMG was activated at 0600 hours on this day.

At 1600hrs on Monday 27 December 2010 the Disaster Management Group was activated and the initial DDMG meeting was held at 1730 hours on this day at the District Disaster Coordination Centre (DDCC) established at the Dalby Police Station.

Between Monday 20 December 2010, when the LDMG was activated and Monday 27 December 2010, when the DDMG was activated I was in regular contact with members of the LDMG, BOM, DDC's in the Southern Police Region, Senior Officers and members of the DDMG. I also monitored the BOM web page site to obtain up to date information on river heights, rainfall and forecasts.

The actions undertaken by the District Disaster Coordinator and the District Disaster Management group in respect of the 2010/2011 floods in relation to immediate management, response and recovery operations

As stated previously the DDMG was activated at 1600 hours on Monday 27 December 2010 and the initial DDMG meeting was held at 1730 hours on this day at the District Disaster Coordination Centre (DDCC) established at the Dalby Police Station.


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At 2125 hours on 27 December 2010 a Declaration of a Disaster Situation – District Level was completed and forwarded to the State Disaster Coordination Centre (SDCC). This declaration was approved and signed by the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services at 12.46am on 28 December 2010.


The Dalby DDMG initial meeting was held at 1730 hours on 27 December 2010 and the group met daily thereafter at 0900 hours and 1600 hours daily while I was the appointed DDC up to 1 January 2011. The business of all meetings was recorded by minutes.

At each of the DDMG meetings all members of the DDMG were briefed on the flooding response and any issues that were identified or forwarded from the LDMG or SDCC. Each member was then requested to address the group and provide an update on their organisations / groups response. At these meetings a number of issues were discussed including the management, response and recovery operations throughout the Disaster District.

The initial response for the DDMG was flooding in Dalby and Chinchilla however moved to other areas including Warra, Condamine and Miles. A number of roads were closed throughout the District and the DDMG was briefed daily from Transport and Main Roads.

During conversation with the Local Disaster Management Group I was advised that in addition to the Local Disaster Coordination Centre (LDCC) established in Dalby other centres were set up in Chinchilla and Miles to coordinate response and recovery operations in those towns.

I was also advised that two (2) Evacuation Centres were established in Dalby and one (1) evacuation centre had been established in each of the Chinchilla and Miles townships. These evacuation centres had been established to house persons whose residents had been inundated due to the floods.


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The actions undertaken by the District Disaster Coordinator and the District Disaster Management Group in respect of the 2010/2011 floods in relation to resourcing, coordination and deployment of personnel and equipment

At the initial DDMG meeting held on 27 December 2010 and all subsequent ten (10) DDMG meetings I chaired as the DDC the issues of resourcing, coordination and deployment of personnel and equipment was discussed with the group. These discussions were recorded by minutes.


The DDMG received a number of faxed requests for assistance from the LDMG. These requests for assistance were discussed with the relevant agency and any request that could not be met by the group was referred to the SDCC by way of a Request for Assistance form.

On Tuesday 28 December 2010 a request was made to Acting Superintendent Brett SCHAFFERIUS, Acting District Officer, Toowoomba District for additional police officers to be deployed to the township of Chinchilla to assist local officers in the policing response. This request was approved and four (4) police from Toowoomba Tactical Crime Squad arrived later in the afternoon.

On 30 December 2010 I contacted the Roma DDC, Inspector Mark Stiles and requested an officer from Miles attend Condamine to assist with providing a 24 hour police presence. This request was approved. Two (2) officers from Dalby were also deployed.

Measures taken by the District Disaster Coordinator and the District Disaster Management Group to manage, maintain or reinstate the supply of essential services (water, power and communications) during the 2010/2011 floods

At the initial DDMG meeting held on 27 December 2010 and all subsequent ten (10) DDMG meetings I chaired, the management, reinstatement and supply of essential services was discussed. These discussions were recorded by minutes.



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At each of the DDMG meetings I chaired a representative of Ergon and Western Downs Regional Council updated the members of the group with respect to power supply as well as water and sewerage respectively.


During my time as DDC the Dalby water treatment plant was inundated and as a result was not operating. This issue was discussed at the twice daily DDMG meetings and via numerous telephone conversations with Mr Phil BERTING of WDRC. A number of SMS alerts were forwarded to members of the Dalby community advising them of critical water supply and that Dalby was on strict level 6 water restrictions. A Request for Assistance was forwarded to the SDCC at 1730 hours on 29 December 2010 requesting water tankers so that water could be transported from other areas to the Dalby water reservoir. This request was approved and actioned by the SDCC.

During the DDMG meetings the Ergon representative on the group, Mr Matt GLEESON provided members with information on power outages and Ergon's response to rectify power outages in flood affected areas.

I submit that the response to manage, maintain or reinstate the supply of essential services during the flood response period when I was the Dalby DDC was adequate and timely.

Measures taken by the District Disaster Coordinator and the District Disaster Management Group to inform the community about the 2010/2011 flood events and the response thereto

On 27, 28, 29 and 31 December 2010 the DDMG received Requests for Assistance from the LDMG for Emergency Alerts to be forwarded to communities affected by flooding. These SMS alerts were to advise residents of flooding, location of evacuation centres and advise on critical water supplies in Dalby and Warra townships. A total of four (4) requests were received and all were forwarded and actioned by the SDCC.


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In my role as DDC I contacted police media on two (2) occasions and recorded daily messages which were forwarded to relevant media outlets for dissemination to the community. I am aware that Acting Senior Sergeant Barry WINTER also provided police media a message on one (1) occasion.

I am aware that the LDMG posted daily media alerts on the Western Downs Regional Council (WDRC) web page to provide the community with up to date information on the flooding. The Mayor of the WDRC and member of the Dalby DDMG Councillor Ray BROWN had been appointed as the group's media spokesperson. Mr BROWN provided regular interviews to radio outlets with information on the flooding and response. I heard a number of these interviews during my time as Dalby DDC.

Members of the Queensland Police Service and the State Emergency Service conducted door knocks of low lying areas in flood affected areas to advise residents of flooding during the initial stages and throughout the flooding event.

On Tuesday 28 December 2010 I attended the evacuation centre operating from the Dalby South School where I spoke to community members on the flooding response.

The nature and timing of all communications between the District Disaster Coordinator and/or the District Disaster Management Group and the Local Disaster Management Group and/or the Local Disaster Management Coordinator relative to the 2010/2011 flood events

On Monday 27 December 2010 I attended the Local Disaster Coordination Centre situated in Wood Street, Dalby throughout the day where I met with members of the Local Disaster Management Group. I was briefed on flooding and the response of the local group to date. I also spoke to Mr Phil BERTING, Chief Executive Officer, Western Downs Regional Council on a number of occasions prior to this date to obtain information and updates on the flooding. I was advised that the LDMG was activated at 0600 hours on this day.

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The Dalby DDMG initial meeting was held at 1730 hours on 27 December 2010. The group met thereafter at 0900 hours and 1600 hours daily during my time as DDC up to and including 1 January 2011. These meetings were held at the District Disaster Coordination Centre (DDCC) at Dalby Police Station. Some members of the group attended in person and some communicated via teleconference. Mr Phil BERTING, Western Downs Local Disaster Coordinator was one member of the group that attended all meetings in person. At each meeting Mr BERTING updated the DDMG on the flooding in particular the LDMG response. In addition to the DDMG meetings I spoke to Mr BERTING via telephone and met personally with him on a number of other occasions.

In my role as DDC I had reason to contact the LDCC's situated at Dalby, Chinchilla and Miles daily. Sitreps were being forwarded from these LDCC's to the LDMG and then to the DDMG providing updates on flooding and response in those respective areas.

I am aware that the Executive Officer of the DDMG, Sergeant COLLIER and Sergeant HUNTER spoke regularly with members of the LDMG and staff at the LDCC's.

The nature and timing of all communications between the District Disaster Coordinator and/or the District Disaster Management Group and the State Disaster Management Group and/or the State Disaster Management Coordination Committee and/or the State Disaster Coordinator relative to the 2010/2011 flood events

During my time as Dalby DDC I took part in a daily teleconference with the State Disaster Coordination Centre. This meeting was held at 1100 hours daily and at each of these meeting I provided a briefing to the SDCC on the flooding response for the Dalby Disaster District.


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During this time I also approved daily Sitreps which were forwarded to the SDCC . These Sitreps provided the SDCC with information on the flooding event across the Dalby Disaster District. The initial Sitrep was forwarded to the SDCC at 1945 hours on 27 December 2010 and the final Sitrep forwarded during my time as DDC was 1430 hours on 1 January 2011. These Sitreps numbered 1 to 11.

During my time as DDC I made numerous telephone calls to the SDCC to follow up on Requests for Assistance. I also received daily Sitreps from the SDCC which provided advice on the flooding response and recovery efforts.

The availability and provision of services or logistical support within the disaster management hierarchy before and during the 2010/2011 flood events, including an assessment of the adequacy and timeliness thereof

During my time as Dalby DDC I had reason to seek the provision of services and logistical support from the SDCC. An example of this was on 28 December 2010 when a Request for Assistance was forwarded to the SDCC requesting bedding, blankets, towels and portable showers to assist in the establishment of the two (2) evacuation centres in Dalby. This request was met by Mr Phil GIBSON of QBuild in a timely manner.

All further requests for assistance forwarded to the SDCC were met and I submit that the availability and provision of services and logistical support during the flood recovery period when I was the Dalby DDC was adequate and timely.



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Any involvement with Commonwealth agencies, including but not limited to Emergency Management Australia or the Australian Defence Force, in relation to the provision of emergency response measures, personnel, equipment or services, including an assessment of the adequacy and timeliness thereof

On Thursday 30 December 2010 a Request for Assistance was forwarded to the State Disaster Coordination Centre requesting air transport to assist in the evacuation of the residents of Condamine.


At approximately 1530 hours on this day I was contacted by Captain Dan MINTON of the Australian Defence Force. Captain MINTON advised me that two (2) x Australian Defence Force Blackhawks would be despatched from Oakey airbase to facilitate the evacuation.

The ADF was activated at 1500 hours and launched from Oakey at approximately 1700 hours. The first of the Blackhawks arrived at Condamine at approximately 1815 hours with the first residents evacuated from Condamine arriving in Dalby at 1840 hours. The ADF continued to transport residents from Condamine to Dalby with the use of the Blackhawks throughout the evening. The last residents to be evacuated from Condamine arrived in Dalby at approximately 2230 hours. A total of 83 residents were evacuated by Blackhawk from Condamine.

I submit that the provision of emergency response measures, personnel, equipment from the Australian Defence Force on this occasion was adequate and timely.

An assessment of the adequacy of equipment and communications systems in the District during the 2010/2011 flood events

During my time as Dalby DDC I was not aware of any problems or issues with the supply of equipment. All needs for equipment during the flooding event were sourced locally by the Local Disaster Management Group or via Requests for Assistance to the State Disaster Coordination Centre.


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An assessment of the adequacy of the community's response in the District during the 2010/2011 flood events


At 0900 hours on 30 December 2010 I chaired the DDMG meeting and at 1100 hours I participated in the SDCC teleconference. Information received from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) was that the Condamine River was at 14.25 metres and rising and that it was not known what or when the expected peak would be. The BOM advised that the levels were reaching unprecedented territory and that expected peaks were not known.

The major issue facing the township of Condamine was that with rising levels the majority of the township would be inundated and that all houses and businesses in the township would be without power, water and sewerage.

Throughout the day I was in regular contact with members of the LDMG and DDMG including Councillor Ray BROWN, Mayor of the WDRC. Due to the unknowns with respect to the expected peak and what would be the consequences of this peak a decision was made to evacuate the township.

Throughout this day I was in regular contact with Sergeant Ben WILTSHIRE, Officer in Charge, Miles police. Sergeant WILTSHIRE was in Condamine coordinating the policing response. During my conversation with Sergeant WILTSHIRE he advised me that the majority of the township were not prepared to evacuate and wished to remain in the township. He advised that he was attending a town meeting to discuss the evacuation.

At 1230 hours on 30 December 2010 a Request for Assistance was received at the Dalby DDCC with respect to the evacuation of residents from Condamine due to the rising flood waters. This request for air support was forwarded to the SDCC and subsequently actioned.



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During my regular conversations with Sergeant WILTSHIRE he advised me that a number of residents were refusing to evacuate and were not prepared to leave pets or animals unattended in the township.

Arrangements were made for two (2) additional police from Dalby and one (1) officer from Miles to attend Condamine township and assist Sergeant WILTSHIRE with the evacuation and to remain in the township providing a 24 hour police presence.


I continued to be updated from Sergeant WILTSHIRE throughout the afternoon with respect to the evacuation of the Condamine township. With each call Sergeant WILTSHIRE advised that more residents of the township were preparing to leave however some were continuing to refuse to evacuate.

I was later contacted by Sergeant WILTSHIRE advising that all residents had agreed to evacuate. This was confirmed at 2230 hours on this evening when I received a telephone call from Sergeant WILTSHIRE advising that all persons had been evacuated and the only persons present in Condamine were four (4) police officers and one (1) SES officer.

I was not made aware of any other issues with respect to the community's response during the floods.

The circumstances of any human fatality within the District, including the measures taken to prevent and/or respond to any such fatality, during the 2010/2011 flood events

I was the appointed Dalby DDC during the Dalby flood events and performed this role between 27 December 2010 and up to and including Saturday 1 January 2011. During this period no fatalities were recorded within the Dalby Disaster District.



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The measures taken within the District to protect private and public property and/or preserve vital infrastructure in connection with the 2010/2011 flood events


Measures taken within the District to protect private and public property included deploying additional police officers into the town of Chinchilla and deploying officers into the township of Condamine. On 29 December 2010 four (4) officers from Toowoomba Tactical Crime Squad were deployed into Chinchilla to assist local police and ensure a 24 hour police presence in Chinchilla township. On 30 December 2010 four (4) officers were deployed to Condamine to assist with evacuations and to provide a 24 hour police presence after the township had been evacuated. This additional police presence remained in force during my period as DDC.

Any special consideration that should be given to the District by reason of particular regional or geographic differences

There are some minor regional or geographical differences which warrant special consideration for the Dalby Disaster District due to the fact that the local government boundaries cross over other government agency boundaries.

The Dalby Police District comprises of twelve (12) police divisions. Of these five (5) police divisions are within the Toowoomba Disaster District. This includes Cecil Plains, Yarraman, Cooyar, Peranga and Millmerran. The other seven (7) police divisions are within the Dalby Disaster District. In addition to these divisions the police divisions of Miles (who cover Condamine) and Wandoan are within the Dalby Disaster District however are in the Roma Police District.

The re-alignment of Disaster District boundaries with Police Districts would assist DDC's coordinate the policing response during a disaster.


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The information contained in this statement is provided on the basis of the knowledge, information and material currently available to me and my interpretation of the information sought by the requirement at this point in time.



S A CHASE

Senior Sergeant

Justices Act Acknowledgement

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I acknowledge by virtue of section 110A(5)(c)(ii) of the Justices Act 1886 that:

- (1) This written statement by me dated 9th March 2011 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 20 is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and
- (2) I make this statement knowing that, if it were admitted as evidence, I may be liable to prosecution for stating in it anything that I know is false.

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Signed at ..DALBY.....this.....9th.....day of.....March2011....

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