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### **THE BASIN BRIGADE RECEIVES NEW FIELD COMMAND VEHICLE**

Firefighting capabilities in the Dandenong Ranges region have been boosted by the delivery of a new \$71,000 Field Command Vehicle to the Basin fire brigade. Federal Member for La Trobe Jason Wood presented the keys of the Field Command Vehicle to the brigade Captain today.

The Basin Fire Brigade was established in January 1927 and has 96 members. The handover of the new vehicle coincides with final day of Fire Action Week activities.

Mr Wood said Victoria's annual fire awareness week provided a key opportunity for Victorians to plan and prepare for fire. "You're at risk of fire this summer if you live near bush, grassland or coastal scrub," Mr Wood said. "Now is the time to understand your risk – not when a fire starts."



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“I encourage all Victorians to visit the CFA’s website for planning and preparation information. Remember, no matter where you live you need to be ready to act. Leaving early is the safest option to protect yourself and your family. The message is simple – Leave and Live.”

The Basin brigade received a \$71,000 Field Command Vehicle, which was partially funded through the Victorian Coalition Government’s Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP), with a further \$23,667 raised by the brigade.

“The command vehicle can carry strike teams or be used at a staging area to manage incidents that occur around The Basin or within other areas covered by the Dandenong Ranges Group of Brigades,” Mr Wood said. Mr Wood said the Victorian Coalition Government was proud to support the state’s emergency services.

“The Coalition Government values the vital work carried out by the Victoria’s emergency services throughout the year, and is committed to ensuring they have the necessary resources to carry out their important tasks,” Mr Wood said.

In 2013-14, the Victorian Coalition Government had supported the state’s emergency services volunteers by investing a record \$12.23 million in VESEP for the acquisition of emergency services’ vehicles and operational equipment.

“The VESEP funding supports the crucial role of volunteer groups in protecting lives and property by providing vital equipment specifically suited to volunteers’ needs,” Mr Wood said.

The Victorian Coalition Government is proud to support CFA volunteers by providing them with the facilities and equipment they need to save lives and property.

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