



Greater Cederberg Fire Protection Association

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Alle lede, kollegas, vennote en befondseers,

So het ons aan die einde van 'n brandseisoen gekom wat deur baie beskou word as een van die ergste in jare vir die winterreënval streek. Aan die Weskus was ons gelukkiger as ander dele van die Wes-Kaap en was die Brandbeskermingsvereniging (BBV) slegs betrokke by 23 brande.

"I would like to thank everybody from Provincial Disaster Management, our local Fire Brigade Services (Bertus Senekal and Danie Wilds and all their staff), our members and their staff, the Greater Cederberg Fire Protection Association (GCFPA) staff, the Working on Fire (WoF) pilots and our WoF teams who put tremendous amounts of funding, time and manpower into combating these fires. Our sincere condolences go out to the families and friends of Bees Marias, Nazeem Davies, Darryl Rea and Jastun Visagie who have paid the ultimate price during the season - although some of these incidents happened elsewhere these people have combatted many fires within our region. Their commitment, professionalism and willingness to work in dangerous situations will never be forgotten."



Soos u kan sien is daar verskeie projekte aan die gang binne die GCBBV en baie hiervan word befonds deur die Global Environmental Facility (GEF) se FynbosFire projek en die WoF program wat deur Kishugu implementeer word, Departement van Omgewingsake en ook die Groter Cederberg Biodiversiteit Korridor. "My dank aan, almal sonder julle sou ons dit nie kon doen nie."

Terwyl die langverwagte reën uitsak en baie grondeienaars besig is met die plant van saagewasse is dit noodsaaklik dat ons net weer fokus op wat vir die volgende paar maande beplan word.

Some of these focus areas will include the following activities:

- *Intensify our visitations to members to complete an additional 4 integrated fire management plans;*
- *Reduce our available fuel loads, the establishment of strategic fire breaks and to carry out controlled burns in high risk areas;*
- *Increase visibility and create more awareness by erecting the available 11 billboards;*
- *Carry on with production work of the WoF teams. – Please, we want to promote the availability of these teams to assist in the reduction of fire risks and to safeguard your assets.*

Rudolf Andrag

Voorsitter: GCBBV / GCFPA



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Bestuursplanne

Tans is ons besig met die Olifantsberg brandbestuursplan wat ons beoog om teen einde Junie af te handel. Brandbestuursplanne wat tans in die proses is om deur lede afgeteken te word is die Sere Windplaas op Vredendal, Yzerfontein, Porterville Voorberg en Riebeeck Vallei. Die GCBBV het reeds vrystelling vir die maak van brandbane op

eiendomsgrense by die Minister van Landbou, Bosbou en Seevisserij gekry vir die volgende bestuurseenhede: Sandhoek, Piket-Bo-Berg en Goedverwacht, Allandale, Groot Winterhoek, Kromantonie, Koue Bokkeveld, Eendekuil, Olifantsberg, Wupperthal, Olyfenboschkraal, Cerderberg Bewarea en Bo-Rivier. (Hanlo Fouche Voorligtingsbeampte)

WoF Produksie

Produksie by Elandsfontein in die Hopefield area is steeds operasioneel en spanne het reeds 2.5 hektaar brandbane voltooi terwyl daar 11 hektaar voltooi is by die Hopefield Windplaas. Ongeveer 53 hektaar beheerde brande is die afgelope 5 dae uitgevoer. Weens die reën is die beheerde brande by Nieuwoudtville eers uitgestel tot later vanjaar.



Billboards

Funding was received by GEF FynbosFire for the design and manufacturing of 11 new awareness billboards. The first billboard was set up at the GCFPA head office in Porterville. The rest of the billboards will be set up at 'hotspots' and in clear view of the public. We aim to raise awareness in these high fire danger areas, made possible through funding by the GEF FynbosFire project. Many thanks to Val Carlton (Project Director) and Tessa Oliver (Project Coordinator) for making this possible.



DEA 'FireSafe' Projek

Engela Celliers, die Projek Bestuurder vir die FireSafe projek, het dit in Desember 2014 geloods en is tans besig met die maak van brandbane in Goedverwacht, Wuppertal en Nieuwoudtville. Die projek se doelwit vir 2015 is om 105ha brandbane te maak, waarvan 61.61ha reeds voltooi is. Hierdie projek strek oor 3 jaar en fokus ook op werkskepping, veral onder vroue. Baie dankie aan die Departement van Omgewingsake vir hul ondersteuning.



Training

Another Basic Fire Fighting training session was presented during the months of April and May by The Centre for Modernisation of Operations (CMO). The training was attended by members and their staff over a two day period. The training focused on how to attack certain types of fires, safety aspects during fire fighting and the correct handling of hand tools and machines. The training venues were provided by GCFPA members. A total of 262 individuals were trained and another 118 will be trained at a later stage. Our sincere gratitude goes out to everyone who made a contribution by providing venue facilities and accommodation to the instructors.



Fire Fighter thanks WoF

“It’s almost two years since I’ve been working in the WoF programme, and since I’ve been working, WoF gave me a lot of opportunities to become a female firefighter. I had no knowledge of how to fight fires, and I am so glad to be part of the WoF team. It granted me various training opportunities which made me a qualified firefighter and a First-Aider. WoF is a programme that gives discipline and skills to the youth and does not only create jobs for the sake of it, but also enhances the capacity of the environment to sustain life and livelihoods. Last but not least, discipline, fitness and a good attitude is crucial to making a success of the beneficiaries at WoF.” Monique Swarts, Porterville WoF Base.

Edward Domingo - WoF Basis Bestuurder

“Ek is in 2012 aangestel as ‘n firefighter in die WoF program. Op 1 Desember 2014 is ek bevorder tot GCBBV Basis Bestuurder vir die Porterville WoF span. Sedertdien het ek net gegroei en elke geleentheid tot verbetering aangegryp. Ek was op ‘n baie insiggewende kursus naamlik, “Fire Boss”. Daar het ek meer riglyne gekry oor hoe om te werk en te beplan op ‘n vuurlyn. Die personeel saam met wie ek werk is baie ondersteunend en help altyd waar hul kan. Die maak van brandbane tydens produksie en die bystand by vure as basis bestuurder is ‘n nuwe ondervinding wat ek hoog op prys stel. Dit is vir my ‘n groot voorreg om deel te wees van die GCBBV span.” Edward Domingo, WoF Basis Bestuurder, Porterville

Finansies

Fakture vir die jaarlikse ledegelde is tussen 30 Maart en 2 April 2015 uitgestuur aan al die lede. Baie dankie vir die betalings wat reeds ontvang is. Volgens die GCBBV se Grondwet moet u ledegelde binne 90 dae na fakturering betaal word. Indien die betaling nie binne die 90 dae-tydperk geskied nie, gaan u weer die aansluitings fooie van R600 moet betaal. Om dit te vermy moet u ledegeld dus asb. teen 30 Junie 2015 betaal wees. U sal weer ‘n faktuur ontvang indien u ledegelde nog uitstaande is. Om die allokering van u betaling te vergemaklik, gebruik asb. u lidnommer of die faktuurnommer as verwysing wanneer die betaling gedoen word. **Moet asseblief nie u VAN as verwysing gebruik nie.** Op u aanvraag kan u ‘n lidmaatskapsertifikaat ontvang indien u ledegelde opbetaald is. Jacomien Britz – Finansies.



Operational Support Officer

During the 2014/15 fire season, which ended April 2015, various articles were published in local news papers regarding awareness, membership to an FPA and giving thanks to the public for their ongoing support to the GCFPA. A series of training sessions was conducted during April and May, of which all arrangements and logistics were handled by the Operational Support Officer (OSO). Our OSO also assisted with the successful GIS mapping of existing and new members’ properties within the domain. For the following few months there will be a strong focus on awareness, membership recruitment, planning of the 2015 Annual General Meeting and preparations for the next fire season. Please contact Marietjie Valentine should you need any assistance from our WoF teams for controlled burns, making of fire breaks or if you have any training needs. We strive to give each GCFPA member the best service we can.

Spesiale woord van Bertus Senekal – ons Brandbeskermingsbeampte

Samewerking: ‘n Woord van dank aan al die grondeienaars/kliënte ten opsigte van hul samewerking die afgelope jaar. Samewerking by die uitreik van brandpermitte raak net beter en beter, en ons wil hierop voortbou.

Oudits: Grond oudits sal gedoen word gedurende die wintermaande en ons versoek dat grondeienaars hul bestuursplanne vir hierdie doel aan die betrokke offisiere beskikbaar stel.



Offisiere sal afsprake maak alvorens hulle plase besoek. Die doel van die oudits is om ons te help om beter insig te kry van hulpmiddels, toerusting, brandbane ens vir ons hele bedieningsgebied. Hierdie kennis versterk die Brandweer en die BBV om tydens brande beter diens te lewer, reaksietye te verkort en eiendoms- en lewensverlies te voorkom.

Nuwe tariewe: Vanaf 1 Julie 2015 – 30 Junie 2016 beloop 'n brandpermit R255.00 per plaas/eiendom (geldig vir 6 maande).

Algemeen

Lede wat eiendom aankoop of verkoop word versoek om asseblief die GCBBV kantoor daarvan in kennis te stel sodat ons databasis op datum gehou kan word. Dit is belangrik dat ons inligting korrek is om vir u die beste diens te lewer.

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