


Bertus Senekal, Fire Chief at West Coast District Municipality (WCDM) provides feedback on the past fire season and activities of the WCDM over the past year.

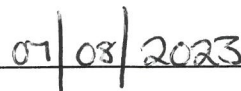
- Service delivery assistance is still given to the Cederberg and Matzikama Municipalities.
- West Coast Fire Services consists of seventy five (75) permanent personnel, thirty three (33) vehicles and six (6) stations.
- Statistics for the period July 2021 – May 2022
  - 634 calls received;
  - 415 calls from B-Municipalities;
  - 152 calls for veldfires – 130 calls were during the 'fire ban' period and
  - 381 burn permits were issued.
- WCDM spend R1.2million on Aerial Assistance in 2020 and R600 000 in 2021.
- Contributions made to the GCFPA:
  - R72 000 for the FDI that's been send out to members during the fire season;
  - Burn permits are issued free to paid-up members;
  - GCFPA members who actively implement and adhere to their Fire Management Plan received free fire fighting assistance during fires on their properties;
  - Negotiate funding for the GCFPA from Santam for 4 Zinc dams erected at strategic airstrips in the region and 8 fire trailers also strategically placed amongst the GCFPA members.
- Bertus once again stresses the fact that the Disaster Management Centre must be contacted first when reporting a fire.
- When applying for a burning permit, members need to make sure they comply with all the rules and regulations of the burning permit. In the case of non-compliance, the permit will be cancelled. Important to know is that burn permits is not issued for the burning of any waste.

**7. Closing**

Bertus Senekal thanks everyone present. Meeting adjourned at 4:30.



B Senekal: GCFPA Chairman



Date