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Identification of CALM Staff At Fires

Events at fires this summer highlighted the need for CALM staff to be readily identified. This applied particularly at the Control Point and on Fire Sectors where other agencies were unable to identify CALM staff, or their role in the fire fighting structure, and naturally this caused confusion and delays.

In future the wearing of name badges, overalls and safety helmets will be compulsory for CALM staff attending fires involving other agencies or members of the public, or fires in which the Large Fire Organisation (LFO) is set up.

The following conditions will apply:

- Standard name badges are to be worn above the top lefthand pocket position. Regions, Branches and Districts will obtain and issue these badges, in accordance with the attached standard name badge specification.
- 2. Staff listed in District Fire Control Working Plans (DFCWP) as Field Organisation Fire Fighting Staff are entitled to one pair of free issue Proban overalls which must be worn at all times whilst engaged on fire line duty. These Proban overalls are to carry "plain" shoulder flashes (ie. without any additional designation, eg. Forest Officer) on both sleeves. These shoulder flashes will be issued shortly.
- 3. Safety helmets must be worn by all CALM staff working at the fire face. All safety helmets will be plain white with the CALM logo placed centrally at the front.
- 4. Armbands designating the role in the Field Fire Line Organisation will be worn on the right arm by the Fire Boss, Sector Boss, Control Point Officer and Marshall.
- Control Point Officers and Marshalls will also wear lightweight "Day Glo" vests. Fire Protection Branch will supply plain shoulder flashes, armbands and vests.

District Managers will be responsible for ordering overalls for staff not already issued with them. Funds for overalls will have to be obtained by reallocating finance within fire protection budgets, following consultation with Regional Managers; otherwise provision will have to be made within next year's Budget. The expected cost of each pair of overalls is \$32.00. Overalls are to be replaced on a "fair wear and tear" basis, as approved by the District Manager.

It should be noted that these arrangements will not apply to A.W.U. Award employees at this stage.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 8 May 1986

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