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MFS INVOLVEMENT AT MT BOLD FIRE

Firefighters from the MFS have been actively involved in firefighting operations at the Mt Bold fire since it started on Wednesday, 10th January 2007.

Following a request from the CFS early yesterday evening, the MFS mobilized a strike team to the Kangarilla Oval Staging Area, prior to deploying to Razorback & Battungra Roads to conduct property protection. A further strike team was mobilized shortly after and was deployed as a precaution to standby at the Echunga Staging Area. Each strike team consisted of a command vehicle, three fire service appliances and 13 firefighters and was tasked to provide *asset protection* to properties within the area.

Shortly after 2.00am a further request was made from the CFS for an additional strike team to deploy to the Echunga SAPOL Training Reserve by 6.00am, however following a decrease in fire behaviour in this area, the strike team redeployed to the Kangarilla Staging Area.

At approximately 9.00am MFS personnel conducted a crew changeover at Kangarilla, and this was then followed by the deployment of the strike team with a supporting CFS bulk water carrier for further asset protection. The MFS strike team also conducted extinguishment to several storage sheds that had been damaged within the fire-affected areas.

In addition to the strike teams, the MFS also provided a mobile workshop that was staged at Kangarilla to assist with any vehicle maintenance requirements.

Shortly after 3.00pm MFS resources were released from the Mt Bold fire and returned to the metropolitan area.

The Mt Bold fire has further demonstrated the excellent working relationship between the MFS, CFS and other emergency service organisations, and the considerable efforts of all emergency personnel has contributed markedly to a reduction in property losses during sustained firefighting operations.

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