



SES

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE - KALBARRI

September 2014

Operational Call Outs in August :

None

Training and other activities :-

4th August - Cliff Rescue Training:

Done at night time this was a real test for the trained members and an introduction training into rope rescue systems for those few yet to qualify.



18th August Flood Boat Challenge :

The flood boat functions are not just for river search and rescue. One of the other roles is for re-supply - transporting supplies into flood isolated areas. Part of the challenge was how to get a full (of water) 40 gallon drum into the flood boat. This was done prior to launch, applying a 3 in 1 rope rescue technique to lift the drum. .

23rd August - LEMC Joint Emergency Exercise

SES volunteers played an integral role in the LEMC exercise - full report on later pages.

16th August SES Team and Individual awards video day.

Kalbarri SES is a finalist (of three) for the SES state awards night to be held in Perth on the first weekend of October. To show, and describe to the rest of the state, what we do and who we are, in a few minutes, required almost a full day of camera work by Nick Hatherly from DFES media.

The site chosen to show off our cliff rescue capability was at Natural Bridge look out, on the coastal cliffs where a simulated rescue was performed of someone who had fallen from the lookout.

The risks involved in this scenario are high, safety and system checks/double-checks are essential (this is why a highly experienced team leader and team are essential). (Continued and River rescue on next page.)



September 2014 Scheduled Activities

Date	Time	Activity	Organiser(s)
Monday 1st	18:45	'Navigating to where you need to go with 'out there' challenge	Mac/Chris
Weekend 5th-9th		Regional Vertical Team Leader course support	Mac
Monday 15th	18:45	Equipment, logistics preparation for Regional Exercise	All
Weekend 19th-21st		Regional SES Exercise (awaiting confirmation)	SteveC/SteveD

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Kalbarri SES state awards finalists video day.

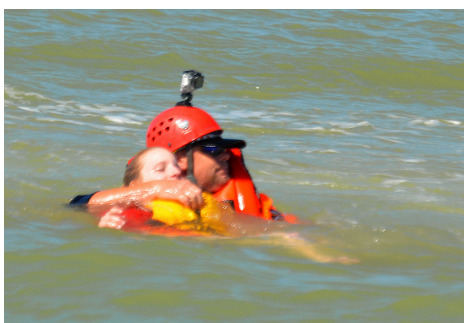
Setting up the rope rescue systems at the lookout was a carefully choreographed exercise, which attracted a viewing audience from visitors to this location. (More photographs of our exercise were taken than those of the spectacular views!). Even Nick the Camera man, was harnessed up and safely put on 'the edge' to ensure that good video was taken. 'GoPro' action cameras on helmets were used to provide shots from every possible view point angle.



The exercise was completed safely and flawlessly. Then it was back to the unit and down to the river with our two boats (the shallow water rescue zodiac was justified and funded by local fundraising/donations last year. Both boats play a role in river search and rescue situation like the performed exercise of 'man overboard' - or in this case woman overboard as team member Aimee played the role of 'victim' in the cold river water. The 'escort' was dropped off by the zodiac, to support the 'victim' and the 'rescue' was performed using the multi-purpose stokes litter stretcher. The zodiac then picked up the 'escort' from the water.



On returning to the SES unit the interviews with the individual award nominee Steve Cable and then with members of the Kalbarri SES team nominated for the state team award. Kalbarri SES girls and guys are like a family, we are multi-skilled and experienced in virtually all natural hazard disciplines.



This is why we are a strike team for the Mid West Region.

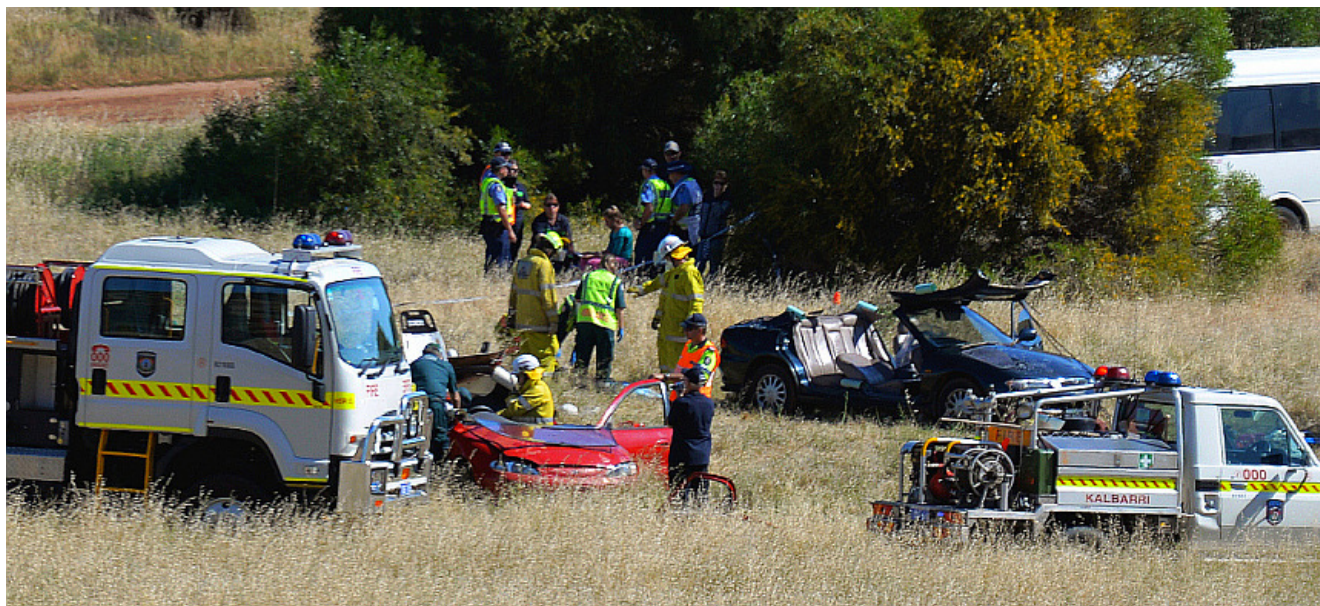
We are pro-active in all we do - trying out the new, training to be as good as we can be and having a ball while we are do it.

- [Mac Holt]



LEMC - Joint Emergency Services Exercise.

The Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) in Kalbarri consists of all the emergency groups AND the support groups which plan for and practice for whatever emergencies could happen - fire, floods, cyclones, storms, accidents, search and rescues. Not just for the actual event but what could be needed for say evacuation and recovery.



Testing and exercising are essential to ensure that the emergency management arrangements are workable and effective for the LEMC. The testing and exercising is also important to ensure that individuals and organisations remain appropriately aware of what is required of them during an emergency response situation.

Exercising the emergency management arrangements will allow the LEMC to:

- Test the effectiveness of the local arrangements.
- Bring together members of emergency management agencies and give them knowledge of, and confidence in, their roles and responsibilities.
- Allow participating agencies an opportunity to test their operational procedures and skills in simulated emergency conditions
- Test the ability of separate agencies to work together on common tasks, and to assess effectiveness of co-ordination between them.

On Saturday 23rd August, a joint exercise with Kalbarri and Northampton LEMC's was held in a paddock near 'Pink Lakes' simulating a car smash, injuries, chemical hazards, and a person who had wandered off and had to be found and rescued. Police, Fire crews, SES, Ambulance were all involved.



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An Incident Management Team was established to control/manage the 'incident', made up from selected Police, SES, Fire people with initially little and confusing information added to gradually to simulate what would happen in real life and 'extras', including media that had to be controlled and the accident scene made and kept safe.

The exercise simulated two cars crashing with injured people inside who had to be cut out by the VFS and handed over to the Ambo's, made complicated by simulated chemical hazards that had to be overcome, without danger to the rescuers or 'injured' vehicle passengers.

Meanwhile the SES performed a search and then rescue of the missing and injured person near the base of a 30 metre rock strewn sloping cliff. The rescue gear had to be carried over potentially ankle breaking ground where no vehicle could go. 'Barry' the SES dummy had simulated injuries, had to be 'treated' then put in the rescue stretcher before being carried to the waiting ambulance by a 'mixed' crew. This also symbolised the objective of working together and supporting each other as the SES, VFS, Ambo, Bush Fire crew formed the carry team. The aims/objectives of the exercise were mostly met with lessons learnt for when the next real joint services emergency happens. [Mac Holt]

