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Lessons learnt at CFA training exercise

More than 80 CFA volunteers from across the region went through training drills around the Hazelwood Power Station on Sunday as part of their annual joint training initiative.

The firies, from 22 brigades across District 27, took part in four different scenarios - fire investigation, asset protection, Hazmat and health monitoring.

ENGIE Hazelwood staff were involved in the exercise planning and then managing movement around the site on the day.

Hazelwood Security and Emergency Services Manager, Alan Roach, said ENGIE worked closely with the CFA to ensure its personnel were familiar with the Hazelwood site and each year, invited the organisation to plan a major exercise.

“Sunday’s exercise was based in the Power Station environment which is no longer operating,” Alan said. “The Station offered the volunteers a large area to conduct multiple drills without having to lose valuable time in transit.”

CFA District 27 Operations Officer, Emma Conway, praised ENGIE’s support of the exercises which enabled brigades to test their systems and equipment prior to summer.

“The series of exercises included asset-protecting drills and scene preservation exercises,” she said. “These are designed to enhance skills and give fire fighters an opportunity to practise in a more practical setting.”

Emma said the training exercises were held yearly as part of the CFA’s pre-season summer preparedness program.

“While the appliances and crews were working on the ground at Hazelwood, District 27’s command centre and local command facilities were also testing their systems. This helps ensure smooth communication between the facilities in times of emergencies.”

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