

## Farm Fire Unit Sticker 2010-12



### **Why is there a Farm Fire Unit Sticker?**

At a bushfire most people who are trained to work on the fireground belong to an emergency service, these personnel are required to wear highly visible and identifiable uniforms, the Emergency Service vehicles are instantly recognisable.

Farm Fire Units and the people who operate them generally do not have highly distinctive markings.

The sticker is intended to provide a distinctive mark of recognition for Police Officers, SES workers and other emergency personnel. These stickers will assist in the identification of your vehicle or vehicles as a recognised Farm Fire Unit. It also identifies that you have undertaken the appropriate actions to ensure that you can operate safely on the fireground.

### **Who Needs a Sticker?**

Farmers who are involved with assisting neighbours and the CFS in fighting fires are encouraged to place a sticker on their Farm Fire Units.

### **I already have a Sticker.**

Each sticker is valid for a two year period. The current sticker validity is from 2010 - 2012. If your sticker is outside of this date range please contact your Local CFS Brigade to discuss the dates of the gathering of Farm Fire Units within your area to refresh yourselves on the Joint Guidelines and any changes or improvements.

### **Is My Vehicle Appropriate to have a Sticker?**

The sticker is intended to be fitted to vehicles that have fire fighting equipment (pump and water tank etc). It is not appropriate to put a sticker on vehicles that do not have fire fighting equipment, such as utes, cars and other farm vehicles without firefighting equipment.

It is your responsibility to ensure that the vehicle is in a safe and good working order and that it has all the appropriate equipment.

It is not the responsibility of your Local CFS to audit or assess your vehicle as safe or appropriate to have a sticker, however CFS is willing to assist, provide information and work alongside you to ensure your vehicle is appropriate.

## **How Many Stickers can I have?**

Many rural properties have more than one Farm Fire Unit, if this is the case with your property please ask for more stickers.

## **What Responsibilities does the Sticker come with?**

It is your responsibility to ensure that the vehicle and its equipment is in a safe, good working order and that the personnel in the vehicle are capable to fight the fire. It also your responsibility that all personnel in the vehicle have the appropriate protective clothing and it's their responsibility to ensure they wear it appropriately.

CFS is willing to assist, provide information and work alongside you to ensure you fully understand your responsibilities.

## **Will the Sticker get me through every Road Block?**

It may not in all instances.

Please appreciate everyone's first priority at a bushfire is to protect human life (primacy of life). With this in mind, all personnel involved at a fire need to ensure that people and vehicles that enter the fireground do not put themselves or others in danger.

There may be instances where the person preventing you entering the fireground may have information or believe that it is not safe for you or your vehicle to proceed onto the fireground.

## **They Wont let me Through**

**If you are stopped at a road block** by an emergency service person and not allowed entry into a fireground please respect the person's decision and co-operate with their directions.

Your next course of action is to then go through your local contact arrangements (Farm Fire Unit Liaison Officer) or utilise the UHF and make contact with a CFS person and inform them of the circumstances. It may take time but they may be able to assist in providing authorisation so that you have approval to enter the fireground.

CFS and Police are continually keeping emergency services and its people informed of the role of Farm Fire Units, this is improving as Farm Fire Unit participation and co-operate at fires continues to grow.

## **How do I get a sticker?**

The stickers are distributed through your local CFS Brigades.

The best way is to get involved with your local CFS Brigade and other Farm Fire Units in your area.

Your Local CFS Brigade will be able to inform you of how to get involved and more importantly the arrangements that other Farm Fire Units and CFS have agreed to in your area.

The Stickers are available to all Farm Fire Units participating in the Farm Fire Unit arrangements across South Australia.