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20 October 2020

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OVERSTRAND FESTIVE SEASON PLAN FOR FIRE & RESCUE, DISASTER  
MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY SERVICES**

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**NJ Michaels**

**Director: Protection Services**

**05 October 2020**

**(028) 313 8054**

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**1. Executive Summary**

The purpose of this report is for Council to take note of the Festive Season Plan for the Overstrand Fire & Rescue, Disaster Management and Security Services department.

**2. Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan - IGNITE**

Directorate: Protection Services  
Fire & Rescue, Disaster Management and Security Services

**3. Compliance with Strategic Priorities**

Provision of democratic, accountable and ethical governance  
Provision and maintenance of municipal services  
Creation and maintenance of a safe and healthy environment

**4. Delegated Authority**

Executive Mayor

**5. Legal Requirements**

Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996  
SANS 10090: Community Protection Against Fires  
Fire Brigade Services Act, Act 99 of 1987  
Community Fire Safety By-law, P.N. 5454/2007  
By-laws of the Overstrand Municipality  
Service Delivery and Budget Implementatin Plan (SDBIP) 2019/20

**6. Background/Discussion/Evaluation/Conclusion**

**Background**

The festive season is one of the busiest seasons for the Overstrand Municipality. The plan is annually implemented across the jurisdiction, however this is the first time it is requested to be noted by Council.

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**Discussion**

The Festive Season Plan highlights the operational readiness and responses to incidents as and when the need arise. It highlights the

**7. Financial Implications**

None

**8. Staff Implications**

None

**9. Comments from other Departments, Divisions and Administrations**

None

**10. Annexures**

Annexure A: Fire & Rescue, Disaster Management and Security Services  
Festive Season Plan 2020/2021

**RECOMMENDATION:**

that the Overstrand Fire & Rescue, Disaster Management and Security Services  
Festive Season Plan 2020/2021 **be noted**.

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL :**

**N. MICHAELS  
L. SMITH**

**TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION :**

**1 NOVEMBER 2020**

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**THIS MATTER SERVED BEFORE THE JOINT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON  
20 OCTOBER 2020, WHICH COMMITTEE SUPPORTED THE  
RECOMMENDATION**

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**OVERSTRAND FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES, DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY SERVICES FESTIVE PLAN**

**04 DEC 2020 – 10 JAN 2021**

*Read with Summer Plan*

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## 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this strategy is to focus on the management of potential emergency threats.

## 2. AIM

To identify, reduce or prevent incidents from happening and soften the impacts if those incidents that are inevitable.

## 3. OBJECTIVES

To improve emergency preparedness in vulnerable communities and ensure appropriate response to emergencies and disasters within the Overstrand municipality.

## 4. DEFINITIONS

- Disaster:

When a disastrous (as per definition in the Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002) event occurs in the area of the municipality and the Municipal Manager regards the situation as a disaster in terms of the Disaster Management Act, a declaration will be issued by the MM to mitigate the effects of the disaster.

- Major Incident

When an emergency requires additional or external resources to bring the situation (emergency) under control. Activation of these resources is done by the Chief Fire Officer or Incident Commander after approval is granted by Director or MM.

- Emergency

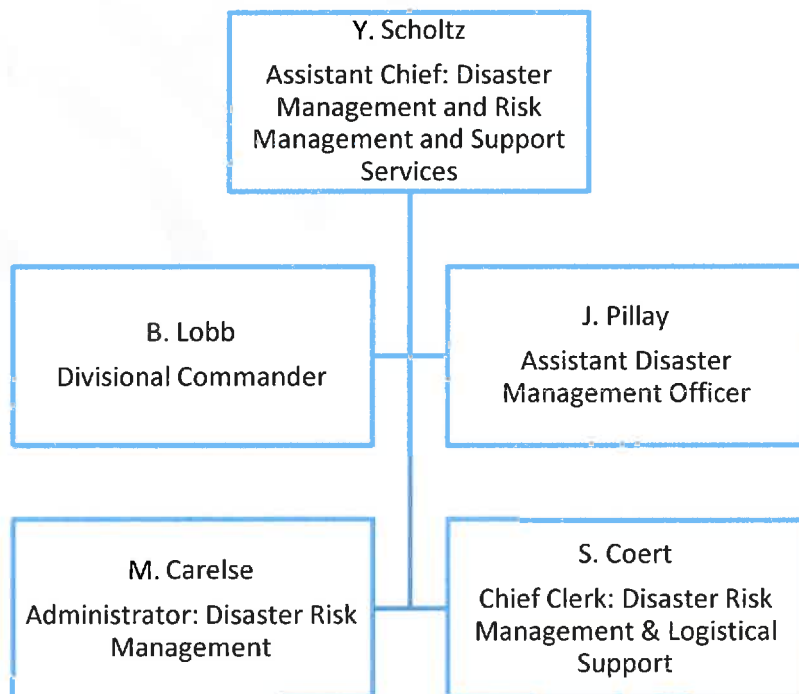
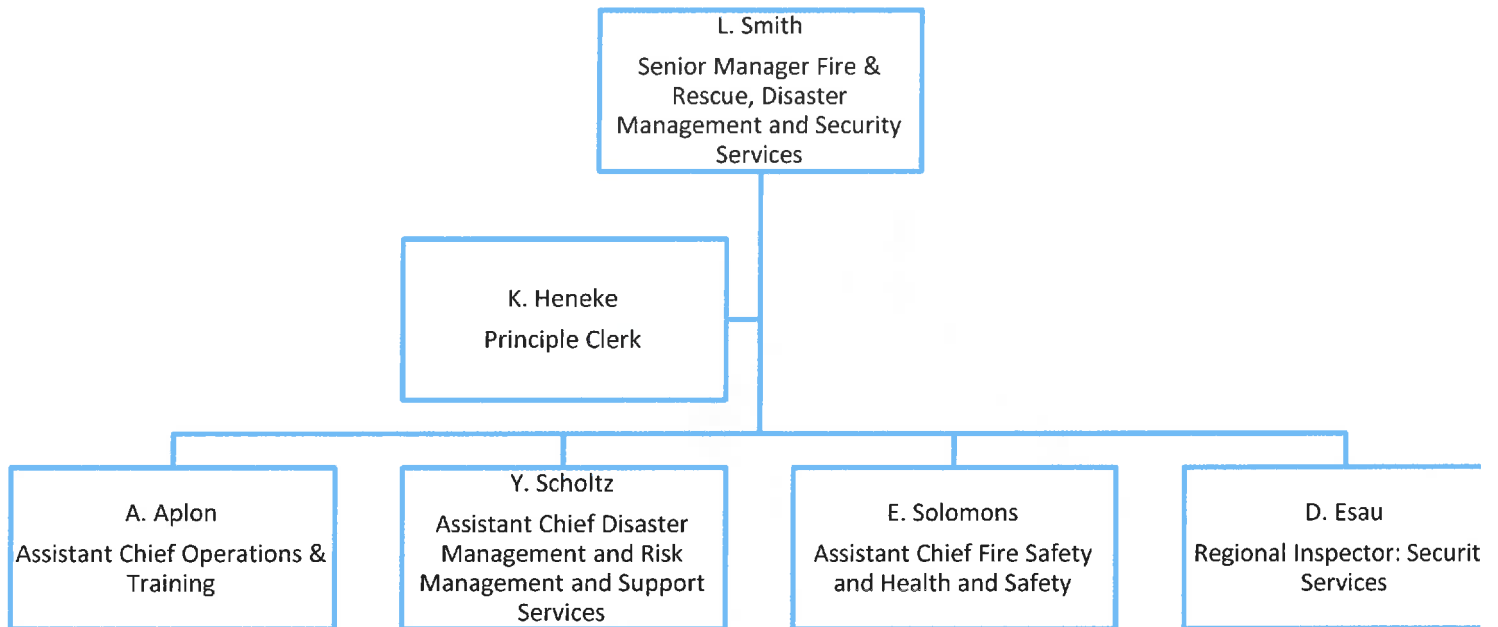
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An emergency is a situation that poses an immediate risk to life, health, property or the environment and normal procurement procedures cannot be followed.

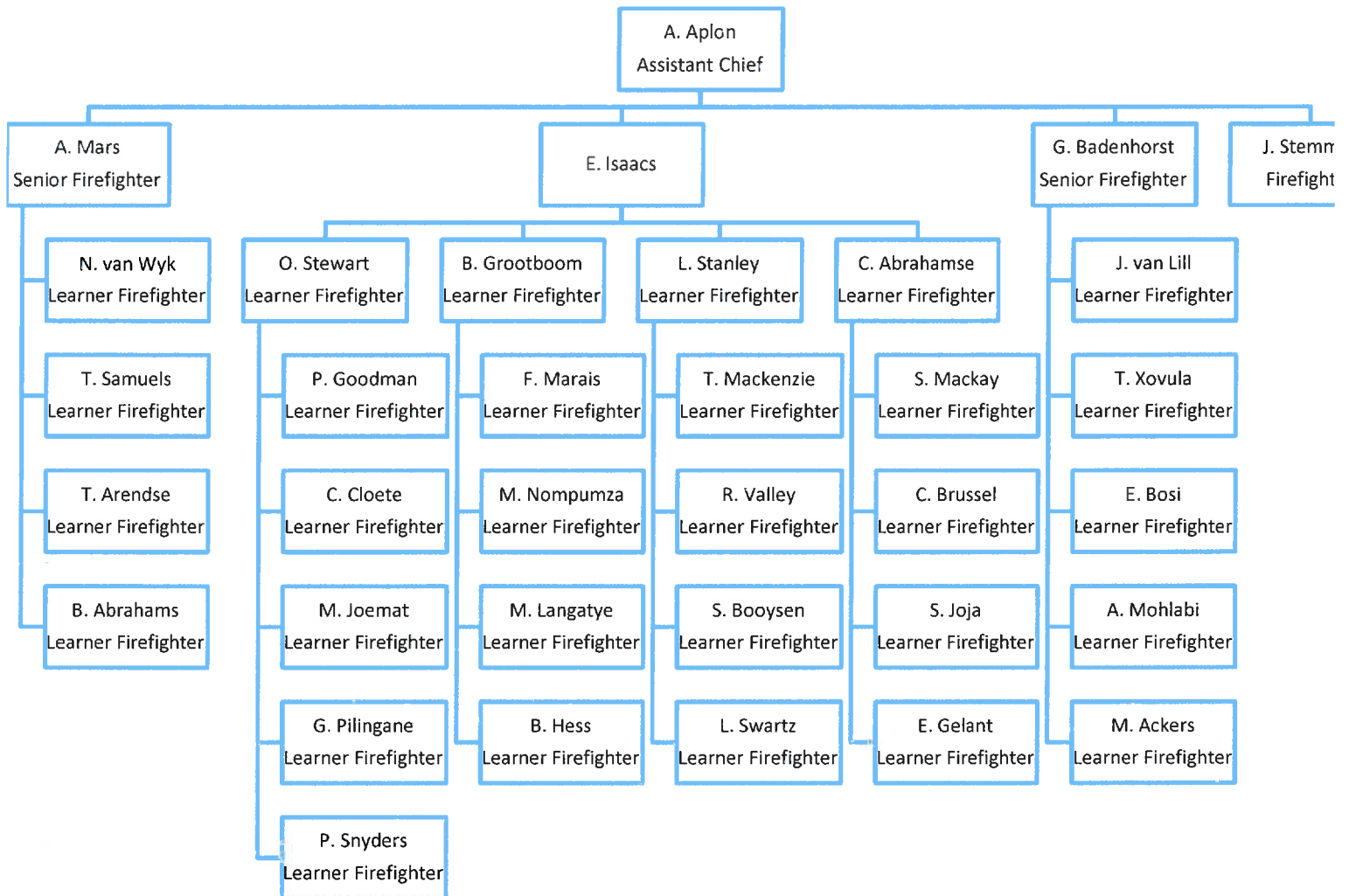
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## 5. OVERSTRAND FIRE RESCUE AND DISASTER ORGANOGRAM



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## 6. OVERSTRAND FIRE, RESCUE AND MANAGEMENT VEHICLE FLEET

CALL SIGN	REG NUMBER	STATUS	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	CLASS	Model Year
<b>COMMAND VEHICLES</b>						
Delta 1	CEM 23400	On run	Hermanus	Nissan Navara 2.5 TD LWB 4X4	Mobile Command Vehicle – Disaster Management	2015
CV 1	CEM 44444	On run	Hermanus	Ford Ranger DC 4X4	Mobile Command Vehicle	2018
<b>MAJOR PUMPERS</b>						
Engine 1-1	CEM 37463	On run	Hermanus	Mercedes Benz Ateco 1328	Major Pumper type I	2014
Engine 3-1	CEM 10226	On run	Kleinmond	Mercedes Benz Ateco 1328	Major Pumper type III	2009
Engine 2-1	CEM 7532	On run	Gansbaai	Iveco (4X4)	Major Pumper type III	2019
<b>PUMPERS</b>						
Pump 1	CEM 30714	On run	Kleinmond	Toyota Hino 4X4	All Terrain Appliance	2018
Pump 2	Chassis #2	Off run	Unallocated	Isuzu FTS 750	All Terrain Appliance	2019
Pump 3	CEM 2869	On run	Gansbaai	Tata 713C 4X4	All Terrain Appliance	2006
Pump 4	CEM 14827	On run	Gansbaai	Mercedes 1617/48 Ecoliner Truck	All Terrain Appliance	1997
Pump 5	Chassis #3	Off run	Unallocated	Isuzu FTS 750	All Terrain Appliance	2019
Pump 6	CEM 1626	On run	Pringle Bay	Mercedes Buffel	All Terrain Appliance	1982
Pump 7	Chassis #1	Off run	Unallocated	Isuzu FTS 750	All Terrain Appliance	2019
<b>RESCUE VEHICLE</b>						
Rescue 1	CEM27756	On run	Hermanus	Ford Ranger 2x2	Utility Vehicle	2019
<b>SKID UNITS</b>						
Alpha 1	CEM 44284	On run	Hermanus	Toyota Landcruiser	Skid Unit	2018
Alpha 2	CEM 32828	On run	Hermanus	Toyota Landcruiser	Skid Unit	2011
Alpha 3	CEM 28939	On run	Kleinmond/ Pringlebay	Toyota Landcruiser	Skid Unit	2019
Alpha 5	CEM 14938	On run	Gansbaai	Toyota Hilux 2.7i 4x4	Skid Unit	2006
Alpha 6	CEM 23784	On run	Kleinmond	Nissan Hardbody NP300 4X4	Skid Unit	2011
<b>SUPPORT VEHICLES</b>						
SV01	CEM 38652	On run	Hermanus	Volkswagen Polo Vivo 1.4	Support Vehicle	2015

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SV02	CEM 47688	On run	Hermanus	Volkswagen Polo Sedan	Support Vehicle	2019
SV03	CEM 42054	On run	Kleinmond	Nissan NP 300	Utility Vehicle	2017
SV04	CEM 30870	On Run	Hermanus	Ford Ranger Single Cab	Utility Vehicle	2019
SV05	CEM 20166	On run	Hermanus	Nissan Hardbody 4x4 LDV	Utility	2007
SV06	CAM 13012	On run	Bettiesbay	Nissan Hardbody 2.0 4x2 1-ton LDV	Bakkie Unit	2007
SV07	CAM 22989	On run	Gansbaai	Nissan LWB 1-ton 2000CC	Utility Vehicle	2007
<b>TRAILERS</b>						
Tango 1	CAM 4600		Kleinmond	Trailer – Rope Rescue		
Tango 2	CAM 4601		Gansbaai	Trailer – Hazmat		
Tango 3	CAM 1266		Gansbaai	Trailer – Portable dam		
Tango 4	CEM 3366		Betty's bay	Trailer- Skid unit		
Tango 5	CEM 25651		Baardskeordersbos	Trailer -Skid Unit		
Tango 6	CAM 30979		Hermanus	Trailer – SCBA compressor		
NB: Senior Officers must utilize mark municipal vehicle with the necessary radio communication for Command and Control of incidents during major incidents. Due to the nature of our inherent fire risk and history of fire related incidents, incident commanders must use municipal vehicles to communicate with other agencies, e.g. WOF, ODM, SAPS, WCEMS etc.						

## 7. SWOT ANALYSIS

### Strengths

- Dynamic Leadership
- In the process of addressing Infrastructure, Vehicles, Personnel, Training
- Strong Organizational Structure
- Command Structure (ICS Principles)
- Disciplined Fire Fighters
- 24/7 Available Fire, Rescue and Disaster Management Service
- Hermanus Fire Station Shift System
- All available Fire Engines will be placed at strategic point during New Year's eve celebration and in Mid and Post season from 04 December 2020 until 10 January 2021
- at Pringle Bay, Rooi Els, Betty's Bay, Kleinmond Main beaches,
- Grotto Beach, Fisherhaven , Municipal Stores and the Pools at Hawston, as well as
- Uilenkraalsmond, Stanfordsbaai, Franskraal and Pearly Beach with staff compliment.

### Opportunities

- Each veld fire incident provides an opportunity to reduce fuel (vegetation)
- Festive season period offers a unique opportunity to apply skills and gain experience in the fire, rescue and disaster management environment
- Opportunity to Create an Safe Environment for Communities, Visitors and Tourists

### Weakness

- Limited Infrastructure
- Limited Vehicles (vehicles taken out of service)
- Condition of Vehicles (mechanical failure)
- Limited Equipment
- Condition of Equipment (deteriorating equipment)
- Limited Personnel (Man Power)
- One turn out per shift
- Limited Trained Personnel
- Level of Training
- Gansbaai and Kleinmond limited shift system
- Limited Funding

### Threats

- Fires
- Structural (Formal, Informal, Commercial, Industrial)
  - Veld Fires
- Motor vehicle/ pedestrian accidents
- Boating accidents (Sea/ Lagoon)
- Para-glider accidents
- Hiking accidents
- Drowning accidents (sea, lagoon, swimming pools, rivers)
- Threat Drivers**
- Influx of visitors, tourists
- Weather (dry, windy, high temp), Topography (limited access) and Vegetation (age/density/type ect)
- Extended Fire Season
- Multiple incidents or Extended Fire Rescue and Disaster Incidents

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**8. KLEINMOND FIRE AND RESCUE STATION**

All available Fire Engines will be placed at strategic point during New Year's eve celebration and in Mid and Post season from 04 December 2020 until 10 January 2021, at Pringle Bay, Rooi Els, Betty's Bay and Kleinmond Main beaches with staff compliment.

**8. KLEINMOND FIRE AND RESCUE STATION**

**8.1 Staff Compliment**

- 1x Snr Fire Fighter
- 1x Fire Fighter
- 4 x Learner Fire Fighters
- 3x Reservists
- 8x Volunteer Fire Fighters
- 2x EPWP personnel firefighters (contract end 30 June 2021)

Kleinmond/ Hangklip	1-2 turnout	Resources Refer to Overstrand F,R & Disaster Vehicle Fleet
Working hours (2 x Fire Fighters +4 crew )	07h45- 16h30	
After hours (standby) 1 Fire Fighter + 2 crew	16h30 – 07h45	
Additional shifts	08h00 – 08h00	Additional shifts for Kleinmond crew from 1 December 2020 until 31 January 2021

Community Volunteer Fire Fighters	Resources Refer to Overstrand F,R & Disaster Vehicle Fleet
Betty's Bay	Standby
Pringle Bay	Standby * One Learner Firefighter and one EPWP beneficiary will roam with an available Skid Unit between Betties Bay and Rooiels

## 9. GANSBAAI FIRE AND RESCUE STATION

All available Fire Engines will be placed at strategic points during new year eve celebrations and in Mid and Post season from 04 December 2020 until 10 January 2021, at Uilenkraalsmond, Stanfordsbaai, Franskraal and Pearly Beach with staff compliment.

### 9.1. Staff Compliment

- 1x Senior Firefighters
- 5x Learner Fire Fighters
- 3x Reservists + 1 Reservist Stanford
- 5x Gansbaai + 1x EPWP personnel firefighters (contract ends between 28 February & 30 June 2021)

Greater Gansbaai	1-2 turnout	Resources Refer to Overstrand F,R & Disaster Vehicle Fleet
Working hours (2 x Fire Fighter+ 4 crew )	07h45- 16h30	
After hours (standby) 1 Fire Fighter +2 crew	16h30-07h45	
Additional shifts	08h00 – 20h00	Additional shifts for Gansbaai crew from 1 December 2020 until 31 January 2021

Community Volunteer Fire Fighters	Resources Refer to Overstrand F,R & Disaster Vehicle Fleet
Stanford	Standby

## 10. HERMANUS FIRE AND RESCUE STATION

### 10.1.

#### Staff Compliment

- 3x Assistant Chief Fire Officers
- 1x Divisional Commander
- 1x Station Commander: Fire Safety
- 1x Senior Firefighter
- 21x Learner Firefighters
- 8 x EPWP personnel Fire Fighters (contract ends 28 February & 30 June 2021)
- 1 x Reservist
- 3x Disaster Management Staff to respond to incidents as and when required (Overstrand wide)

### 10.2.

#### Shift workers

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night
07-Dec-20	Shift 1	08-Dec-20	Shift 3	09-Dec-20	Shift 2	10-Dec-20	Shift 3	11-Dec-20	Shift 4	12-Dec-20	Shift 4	13-Dec-20	Shift 2
Monday	Shift 1	Tuesday	Shift 3	Wednesday	Shift 2	Thursday	Shift 3	Friday	Shift 4	Saturday	Shift 4	Sunday	Shift 2
14-Dec-20	Shift 4	15-Dec-20	Shift 1	16-Dec-20	Shift 3	17-Dec-20	Shift 1	18-Dec-20	Shift 2	19-Dec-20	Shift 2	20-Dec-20	Shift 3
Monday	Shift 4	Tuesday	Shift 1	Wednesday	Shift 3	Thursday	Shift 1	Friday	Shift 2	Saturday	Shift 3	Sunday	Shift 3
21-Dec-20	Shift 2	22-Dec-20	Shift 4	23-Dec-20	Shift 1	24-Dec-20	Shift 4	25-Dec-20	Shift 3	26-Dec-20	Shift 3	27-Dec-20	Shift 1
Monday	Shift 2	Tuesday	Shift 4	Wednesday	Shift 1	Thursday	Shift 4	Friday	Shift 3	Saturday	Shift 1	Sunday	Shift 3
28-Dec-20	Shift 3	29-Dec-20	Shift 2	30-Dec-20	Shift 4	31-Dec-20	Shift 2	01-Jan-21	Shift 1	02-Jan-21	Shift 4	03-Jan-21	Shift 1
Monday	Shift 3	Tuesday	Shift 2	Wednesday	Shift 4	Thursday	Shift 2	Friday	Shift 1	Saturday	Shift 4	Sunday	Shift 4

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Hermanus Fire Station will place all available Fire Engines at strategic points during New Year eve celebrations and in Mid and Post season from 04 December 2020 until 10 January 2021.

### 10.3. Strategic Points

- Grotto Beach,
- Fisherhaven ,
- Municipal Stores
- Hawston Community Pools

## 11. CALL OUT PROCURES

All calls will be handled and logged by the Hermanus Fire Station

Hermanus foxtrot responsible for call taking



Activate crew



Inform Duty Officer



Incident Commander must contact Duty Officer with following information

**Exact location – grid reference or GPS**

**Type of incident (size and severity)**

**Hazards – present and potential**

Access to scene

Injuries/ Damages {Number and severity of casualties or structures/ (estimated)}

Emergency and other services present and required



Duty Officer must inform CFO, Dir, MM etc.  
The following calls out procedure for additional resources are:

Air or ground Support request (on emergency) from Chief Fire Officer/ Incident Commander to Director Protection Services/ MM for approval or approval for over spending. On approval the chief fire officer / incident commander will contact district or provincial fire management to dispatch requested resources to location and manage these resources and keep Director/MM informed.

All air and ground support after the necessary approval, resources can be requested via Bredasdorp dispatch

Bredasdorp Dispatch	
Fire Line	082 312 9507/6040
Admin Line	028 425 1690/6040
E-Mail Address	<a href="mailto:bredispach@odm.org.za">bredispach@odm.org.za</a>

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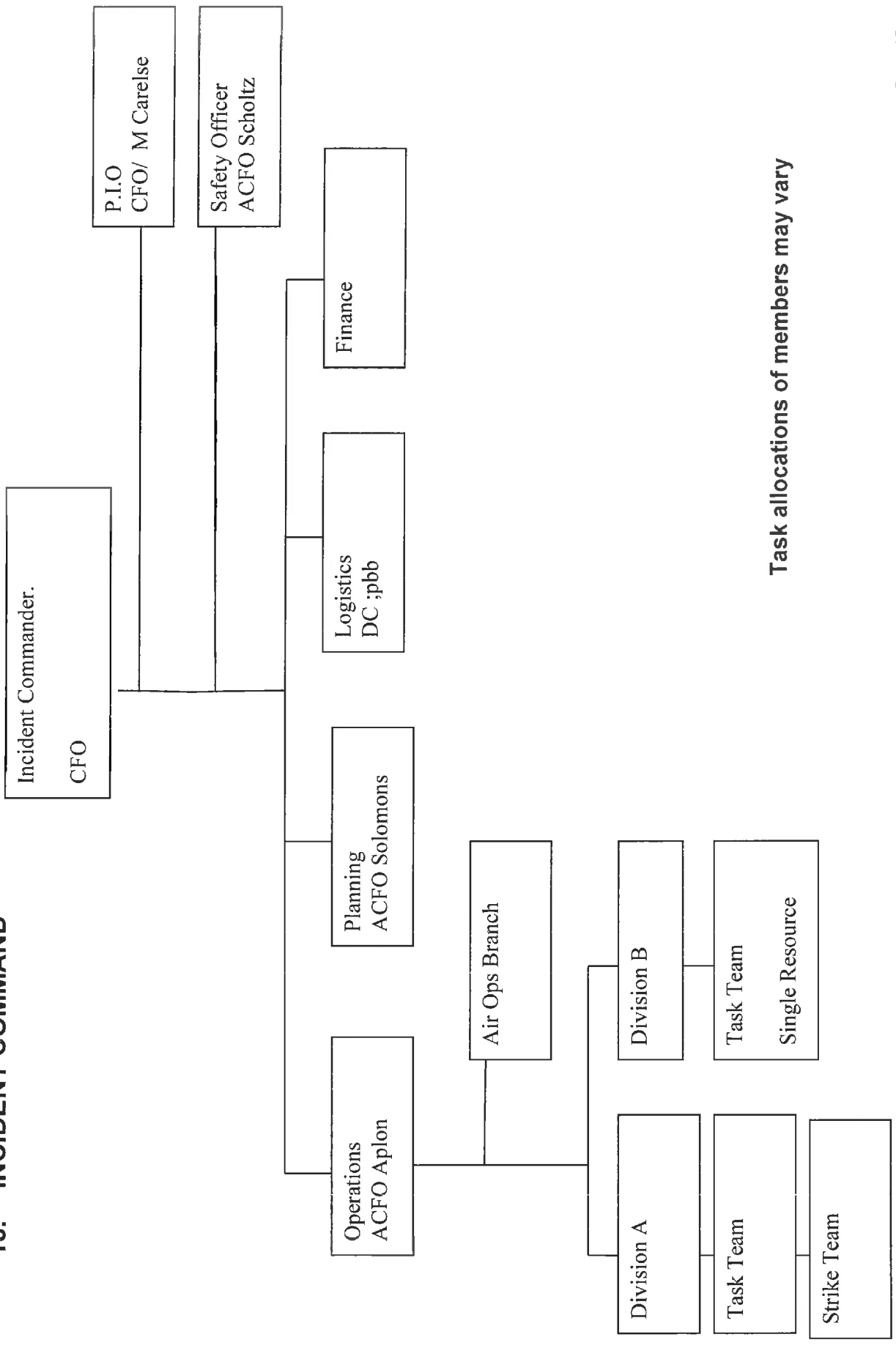
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**12. FESTIVE SEASON MITIGATION STRATEGY**

- 24 hours a day fire fighters will be ready to response to any fire call
- Fresh crew will be available at least every 12 hours
- All available Fire Engines will be place at strategic point during New Year's eve celebration and in Mid and Post season from 04 December 2020 until 10 January 2021

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### 13. INCIDENT COMMAND



Task allocations of members may vary

**14. SNR OFFICER: DUTY LIST**

<b>December 2020</b>						
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
	1 B. Lobb (F) Mars, Isaacs & van Lill M. Carelse (D) R. Stewart (S) CFO Smith	2 B. Lobb (F) Mars, Isaacs & van Lill M. Carelse (D) R. Stewart (S) CFO Smith	3 B. Lobb (F) Mars, Isaacs & van Lill M. Carelse (D) R. Stewart (S) CFO Smith	4 B. Lobb (F) Mars, Isaacs & van Lill M. Carelse (D) R. Stewart (S) CFO Smith	5 B. Lobb (F) Mars, Isaacs & van Lill M. Carelse (D) R. Stewart (S) CFO Smith	6 B. Lobb (F) Mars, Isaacs & van Lill M. Carelse (D) R. Stewart (S) CFO Smith
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21 E. Solomons Stemmet & Badenhorst D. Esau J. Pillay	22 E. Solomons Stemmet & Badenhorst D. Esau J. Pillay	23 E. Solomons Stemmet & Badenhorst D. Esau J. Pillay	24 E. Solomons Stemmet & Badenhorst D. Esau J. Pillay	25 E. Solomons Stemmet & Badenhorst D. Esau J. Pillay	26 E. Solomons Stemmet & Badenhorst D. Esau J. Pillay	27 E. Solomons Stemmet & Badenhorst D. Esau J. Pillay
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**January 2021**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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**15. POSSIBLE FUNDING IMPLICATIONS & DEVIATION FROM NORMAL SUPPLY CHAIN PROCEDURE DURING EMERGENCIES (as per definition of SMC Policy)**

- Additional shifts from 04 December 2020 until 10 January 2021 to man strategic points (16,24,25,26, 31 December 2020 and 01-02 January 2021)
- After hour/ weekend Working for Fire resources (Western Cape Province)
- Additional overtime and standby for Snr officers and fire fighter (extended incidents)
- Food rations (extended incidents or on request of chief fire officer/ incident commander)
- Transport for Working for Fire Personnel
- Additional logistical support from Overstrand municipal departments and or other external resources
- Fire suppressing Support (Aerial)

**16. COVID 19**

At midnight on 26 March 2020, the President of South African imposed a nation wide lockdown on South Africa which permit only essential services staff to continue working. The lockdown was imposed on the country after the WHO (World Health Organization) declared Covid-19 a pandemic on 30 January 2020. The categories of people exempted from the lockdown included *health workers in the public and private sectors, emergency personnel, those in security services – such as the police, traffic officers, military medical personnel, soldiers – and other persons necessary for our response to the pandemic.*

The initial lockdown period was set from midnight on Thursday 26 March 2020 until midnight on Thursday 16 April 2020. Due to the continuation of increase in infections the President on 23 April introduced five levels to avoid a rushed opening of the economy. The five tiers are:

- Level 5 means that drastic measures are required to contain the spread of the virus to save lives*
  - Level 4 means that some activity can be allowed to resume subject to extreme precautions required to limit community transmission and outbreaks*
  - Level 3 involves the easing of some restrictions, including on work and social activities, to address a high risk of transmission*
  - Level 2 involves the further easing of restrictions, but the maintenance of physical distancing and restrictions on some leisure and social activities to prevent a resurgence of the virus*
  - Level 1 means that most normal activity can resume, with precautions and health guidelines followed at all times.*
- To ensure that our response to the pandemic can be as precise and targeted as possible, there will be a national level and a separate levels for each province, district and metro in the country.*

The response to incidents during the Fire Season will be dependent on the lockdown level tier which South Africa is in. A second wave is likely to occur if residents of South Africa do not adhere to the safety protocols and lockdown regulations.

Overstrand Fire & Rescue operational staff, in conjunction with Disaster Management staff, assisted with the distribution of food items, PPE and other essential items in an attempt to assist with containing the spread of the virus. Staff members were split into two groups consisting of a decontamination team and operational team, to avoid cross-contamination. All health protocols are strictly observed and followed when responding to any incidents. The Fire & Rescue will respond according to the concept SOP as defined by Provincial Government.

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