



## EXPLANATORY

Under direct instruction of the Province of the Western Cape Chief Fire Officers Committee (CFOcom); where pursuant to the objectives of the Fire Brigade Services, Act 99 of 1987 and in consideration of the relevant provisions of the National Road Traffic Act, Act 93 of 1996; the Hazardous Substances Act, Act 15 of 1973, the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Act 85 of 1993; the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998; the National Environmental Management Act, Act 07 of 1998; The Manual on Joint Management of Incidents involving Chemical or Biological Agents or Radio-Active Materials (Government Notice 143 of 2006); and including any concomitant Act or regulations issued under Acts referenced herein or otherwise; the Western Cape Chief Fire Officers Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods Emergency Response; hereinafter referred to as *CFOcom-DanGER* is hereby constituted in accordance with Terms of Reference as detailed below.

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### 1.0 Establishment

The Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods Emergency Response Planning (DanGER) is hereby established in terms of Article 10 of the Constitution of the Western Cape Chief Fire Officers Committee.

### 2.0 Purpose:

- a. To assist the Chief Fire Officers Committee in the formulation and of standardised emergency response planning guidelines and coordination of the Fire Services preparedness and state of readiness to incidents involving dangerous goods;
- b. To consider matters related to the development of any necessary procedures, guidelines and recommendations, for consideration by the CFOcom, as appropriate, including the role of such measures for the protection of the environment by ensuring adequate and professional Fire Services response.
- c. To consider matters related to firefighter and other first responder skills requirements to incidents involving dangerous goods and to advise on such necessary skills development requirements to the Chief Fire Officers Committee.
- d. To make representation either with or on behalf the Chief Fire Officers Committee at meetings where dangerous goods response or matters connected therewith are discussed.
- e. To consider matters related to the development of any necessary procedures, guidelines and recommendations for secondary responders and/or agencies involved in dangerous goods response and recovery operations for consideration by the CFOcom, as appropriate.
- f. To ensure the development of any necessary recommendations as well as the preparation of new revisions into municipal fire safety bylaws that concerns the transportation of dangerous goods on transport routes.
- g. To formulate and plan for major multi-disciplinary exercises involving dangerous goods emergency response so as test and evaluate capacity and competency of responders and services.
- h. To prioritise any other relevant issue referred to it by the Chief Fire Officers Committee.

### **3.0 Chairperson and Secretariat**

- a. A Chief Fire Officer or any other senior member of the Chief Fire Officers Committee shall be nominated by the CFOcom to serve as Chairperson of the Sub –Committee.
- b. A secundi shall also be nominated by the CFOCom to Deputise in the absence of the Chairperson.
- c. The Provincial Directorate for Fire Brigade Services shall serve as the secretariat.
- d. The Chairperson and secundi shall be responsible for upholding the CFOcom Constitution and for ensuring that the Terms of Reference of the Sub-Committee is adhered to.
- e. The Chief Fire Officers Committee shall have the discretion to replace the sub-committee Chairperson and/or secundi should it be necessary to do so for reasons associated with performance, re-assignment or any other reason deemed necessary in terms of the objectives of the CFOcom.

### **4.0 Members**

- a. Municipal Fire & Rescue Services who nominate persons to serve on the sub-committee shall ensure that the person so delegated by the respective Service holds the rank of at least Platoon Commander and has experience and knowledge commensurate with the Purpose of the sub-committee.
- b. Designated Fire Services who nominate persons must ensure that such persons have the necessary skills and experience commensurate with the Purpose of the sub-committee.
- c. Chairperson of the Sub-committee shall ensure representation from the department of environmental affairs, department of transport, South African Police Services, the SANDF and any other relevant government department and shall reserve the right to invite any other person from any relevant private sector agency to serve on the sub-committee; provided that where private sector agencies are invited to sit on the sub-committee that this is done so with the prior approval of the Chief Fire Officers Committee.

### **5.0 Meetings**

- a. The Sub-Committee shall meet at least once every four (4) months and/ or whenever requested to do so by the Chairperson of the sub-committee; and shall meet whenever directed to so by the Chief Fire Officers Committee should it be deemed as a matter of urgency to do so.

### **6.0 Reporting**

- a. Records and resolutions thereto shall be kept of all meetings of CFOcom-DanGER.
- b. At the sitting of every CFOcom; the Chairperson of the CFOcom-DanGER shall table a written report of resolutions taken and actions continuing in relation to the activities of the Sub-Committee.
- c. Such report must be sent to the CFOcom Chairperson at least seven days before the CFOcom meeting.