



### Torch and PPC Kit Bag Survey

**Contact details of person submitting response**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Brigade/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

District: \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity are you filling out this survey?

Individual Response     Brigade Response     Group Response

If this is a Brigade or Group response, please provide the following information.

Rank/Position of person submitting response: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check this box to confirm that you have been endorsed by your Captain/OIC/Group Officer to provide this response on behalf of your Brigade or Group

### Torches

VFBV has received a District Council request to advocate that for reasons of health and safety - that torches be mandated as forming part of CFA's minimum Personal Protective Clothing and supplied by CFA.

1. Do you believe that torches should be considered as essential equipment for operational use? (this is regardless of being personal issue or vehicle cache).

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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2. What kind of torch do you think appropriate for issue as the minimum requirement? (Tick all that apply)

Helmet Torch	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small Handheld Torch	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right Angle Torch	<input type="checkbox"/>
Large Vehicle Torch	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. If you think that Helmet Torches should form part of the minimum standard, do you support torches supplied as part of standard stowage for vehicles (for example: a cache stored on the vehicle with perhaps one torch per seat) or do you support personal issue, where helmet torches should be supplied to each individual operational member?

Vehicle Cache	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Issue	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>

What is the main reasons for your choice?

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4. If you think that small handheld or right-angle torches should form part of the minimum standard, do you support these torches supplied in caches on vehicles, or personal issue?

Vehicle Cache	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Issue	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>

What is the main reasons for your choice?

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5. Does your District or Region currently supply any form of torches for operational use?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If yes, what types?

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6. If responding as a Brigade and/or Group, and thinking about the helmet torches issued several years ago, of those torches issued, how many are still on the appliance and working?

100%	<input type="checkbox"/>
75%	<input type="checkbox"/>
50%	<input type="checkbox"/>
25%	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. What is the main reason why the helmet torches may no longer be available?

No longer works	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flat battery / not replaced	<input type="checkbox"/>
Missing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were never issued	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Where CFA supplied torches have been damaged or required maintenance, has your District replaced/repared those torches?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If no, reason?

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9. Do you have any other general comments about torches?

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## Kit Bags

1. Do you believe that kit bags should be considered as minimum issue for members issued with PPC?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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2. If you do believe kit bags should be supplied, do you support;

Brigade Cache	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Issue	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Does your District or Region currently supply personal issue kit bags for use?  
(tick all that apply)

Wildfire Kit Bag (small)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Structural Kit Bag (large)	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. If you (or brigade members) have Structural PPC, did you/they receive a kit bag as part of allocation?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If no, why?

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5. Do you have any other general comments about kit bags?

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Please feel free to attach to your response any additional comment or concerns.

We would appreciate your response **no later than Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September**. You can either Post, email or fax your response to:

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An online version of this survey is also available at: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/VFBVtorchSurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VFBVtorchSurvey)