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STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE - KALBARRI

October 2013

Operational Call Outs :-

Sunday 22nd September - 5:25 am request for assistance from event coordinator for Zest Festival, high winds and flying debris on Kalbarri Foreshore. Tents ripped and smashed with metal poles and power leads flying in the wind. Power turned off, assisted with dismantling structures in high wind conditions by storm experienced ses volunteers, working with Police, shire workers and event volunteers.

Sunday 29th September - After advise from DFES late Saturday deployed at 3:30 am with a team to Yalgoo (220km east of Geraldton) to search for missing 10 year old on Melangata Station. Briefing at 07:30 (with Geraldton volunteers) in Yalgoo by DFES officer Paul Southam, identified that the boy had been found a few minutes earlier, safe and well after his night alone in the bush. A good result even though we were not able to contribute directly - but were in a position to if needed. After a short break the team returned to Kalbarri.



Photo :- Briefing in Yalgoo of SES volunteers.

Training and other activities :-

2nd September :- Regional exercise de-brief - needs for improved communications and mapping understanding/skills.

16th September :- Using new Emergency Services MidWest mapping books, Clarkes mast setup and communications training.

19th - 22nd September :- Regional Rope Rescue course held in Kalbarri and catered for by Kalbarri SES.

27th - 30th September :- Instructors and Trainers from Kalbarri conducted a Rope Rescue Course in Tom Price.

30th September :- Training scenario at Big River Horse Ranch near Kalbarri. Near realistic training deployment to accident with rider fallen from horse, night time bush search for injured rider. Building search throughout tackle rooms, barns and stores for distraught girl friend followed by forensic search for 'weapon', provide refresher training in all basic search disciplines. Also involved was logistics for deployment and setting up remote communications base.

WAERN base radio system installed at last, which should help inter-agency communications during local emergency situations.. - , . [Mac Holt]

October 2013 Activities

Date	Time	Activity	Organiser(s)
Thu-Sun 3rd - 6th		Rope Rescue Systems Course - Kalbarri Unit	SteveC/Tim Dalwood
Monday 14th	18:45	First Aid refresher training, victim handling and transport.	Steve C
Weekend 26-27		Flood Boat Course Carnarvon (selected participants)	Regional
Monday 28th	18:45	Scenario	Mac

Want to learn new skills? - Are you up to the challenge ? - Join us - phone 0417994277.