



AGM 2025



The Annual General meeting 2025 was once again held at the Old Distillery Packhouse on Thursday 27th of March. A total of sixty eight members, delegates, prospective members and staff attended the event. We are delighted with the amount of interest from the public!



Guest speakers entertained the audience with very interesting presentations, such as how burn scars are calculated, the effect of being a member of the LFPA can have on your insurance, and Beryl Manikisi shared statistics on accidents attended by the fire department.

Adding to the festive vibe Star Spares, Trophy Toyota & Trophy Tyres, as well as NTK put up gazebos filled with products to show case. All this while Dewald from Mieliekloof Abbatior was handling two spitbraais for the scrumptious lunch.



1 Day Refresher Course : 25 April 2025 only 8 seats available

Non-members R300-00 per person / **Members R280-00 per person**

Venue: LFPA Base

Training can also be provided on members premises. Contact the office for more detail: 0762865572 Anita

FIRE BOSS 2 TRAINING

Advanced Level 2 Course Following Fire Boss 1

15-16 May 2025

Only 11 seats are available BOOK NOW

The course will cover

- Roles & responsibilities.
- Standard operating procedures
- The 10 fire orders
- The 18 watch outs
- LACES
- Parts of a fire
- Fire Behaviour
- Chain of command
- Communication plans
- Pre suppression planning
- Extreme weather and FDI
- Fire line safety
- En route to a fire
- Arriving at a fire
- Size up fires
- Develop the incident action plan
- Fire attack strategies
- Working with aircraft
- Mopping up
- Practicals

Who Should attend this course?

The ideal candidate should have completed Fire Boss 1 training course



**For more information & bookings, contact: Anita at the Letaba FPA Office.076 286 5572
Email: admin@letabafire.co.za**

Cost: R950 / person members R1150/ person non-members

Includes: Learning materials, coffee / tea and light lunch.

Venue: Letaba FPA Waterfall Base, Politsi

Day one: Theoretical Day two: Practical



Plan your training schedules

**TWO DAY
BASIC FIRE
FIGHTING
TRAINING**

**5 & 6 May 2025
or
7 & 8 May 2025**

**R575
per person
attending**



**One Day
Fire Fighting
Refresher Training**

R300 per person attending

**~~24 April 2025~~
or
25 April 2025**

Office Line : 076 550 2260

2 Days Basic Fire Fighting : **Members R550 per person**

Venue: LFPA Base. Training can also be provided members premises

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Is this the future for bakkie sakkie and fire truck operators?



On a still, hot May afternoon in central Portugal, a car-sized pile of brush catches fire. As the flames leap higher, a torrent of water suddenly falls from the sky. It's not rain, however. A large drone hovers about 15m (49ft) above, a fire-proof hose dangling from its belly. A pair of jets on either side of the hose pummel the flames with water as the drone operator controls the device from behind a fire truck, the device's water source. In about two-and-a-half minutes, the fire is out. The 21kg (46lb) drone, called Sap (for "ported nozzle system" in Portuguese) is one of the newest tools in the battle to beat back extreme wildfires. The drone is lightweight, easy to operate and nimble at low altitudes. With a wingspan of 2.14m (7ft) and made primarily of carbon fibre, can swoop into places that are too dangerous or too difficult for firefighters to enter, says Carlos Viegas, a mechanical engineer who heads the University of Coimbra's Field Tech Lab and co-led the project.

"It's the future of firefighting," he says on his way from Coimbra to the demonstration site in Lousã, steering his black electric car past mountain slopes spackled with eucalyptus. "We're trying to bring robotics technology to wildfire management. Because every opportunity we have to keep people from dying during firefighting, we need to try."

Remember your membership benefits includes the free use of our bakkie sakkies. We even fill it with fuel for you.

Bring your own straps to tie it down when collecting, and enjoy doing your fire breaks!



FUN FACTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Where does 'knock on wood' or 'touch wood' derives from?

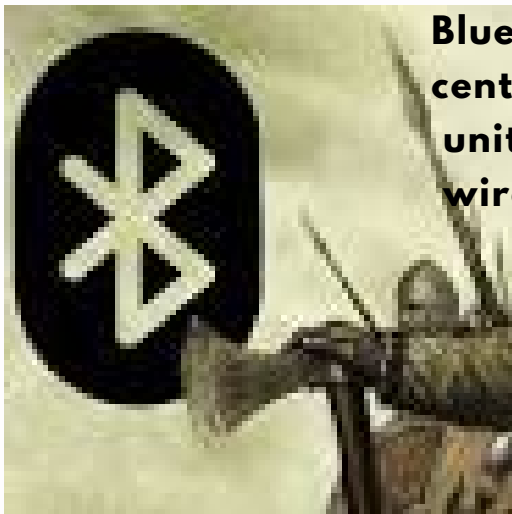
Ancient pagan cultures, such as the Celts, believed that benevolent and helpful spirits lived in trees. Knocking on tree trunks roused a spirit for protection, which led to the saying "knock on wood"



Riding or sitting on a sea turtle in the United States is a 3rd degree felony



To make one pound of honey, honey bees must gather nectar from nearly 2 million flowers.



Bluetooth" technology is named after a 10th century king, King Harald Bluetooth. Bluetooth united the tribes of Denmark, just like the wireless technology united cell phones and computers.



AND THE LAW SAID:

Don't let your donkey sleep in the bathtub in Arizona
Although quirky, this law stems from an actual historical event
The story goes that in the 1920s, a rancher from Kingman, Arizona, would allow his hooved friend to snooze in an abandoned tub on his property. But one day, a dam burst, flooding the area and taking the donkey for a wet and wild ride.



In Pennsylvania all fire hydrants must be checked one hour before all fires
We wonder how they enforce this law

