

CISMFA Conference 2006
Poster Abstracts

Psychosocial Support for Humanitarian Organizations and their Staff

This poster introduces the work of the Antares Foundation, an international not-for-profit organization, newly established in Australia and devoted to improving the quality of humanitarian assistance and overseas development.

Amanda Allen, Operational Director, Antares Foundation in Australia.

Evasive Self Defence in Health, Welfare & Human Services

Presenting a 45 minute Self Defence training DVD designed for staff who may face physical attacks during the course of their work. The DVD sets out, in a simple step by step manner, 14 different techniques for escaping from common grips, grabs and strangles.

David Cherry, Clinical and Forensic Psychologist, David Cherry and Associates

An Australian Audio-Visual Resource for teaching CISM practitioners.

In 2005, VicSES received funding to make its own film, using SES volunteers/Peers in typical emergency service critical incident situations. This poster offers a new Defusing and Debriefing Training Resource to supplement the Basic CISMFA Basic Group Process course.

Peter Kueffer, Victoria State Emergency Service

CISM Disaster Response Teams within Queensland Fire and Rescue Service

This poster provides a synopsis of the work done by FireCare, the EAP for the QFRS, in the area of CISM Disaster Response Teams. It chronicles this task from the beginning to the present. It also highlights known gaps in the project for future consideration.

Julie Spain and Melissa Woodhead, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service

Well-being of volunteer fire-fighters: Exposure to chronic emotional demands and critical incidents

This paper addresses how emotional demands, emotional resources, and exposure to critical incidents affect the well-being of volunteer fire-fighters.

Dr Michelle Tuckey, Lecturer, University of South Australia.

Helping the Helper' – Critical Incident Stress Management Strategies for Emergency Workers and their families In The New York Fire Department.

This paper describes a study of CISM post September 11 and a comparative evaluation for the Country Fire Authority and other Victorian Emergency Services.

Jim Unkles, [CMDR - Royal Australian Navy](#)

The South Australia Country Fire Service Support to Volunteers involved in the Wangary Fires, January 2005 and Subsequent Coronial Enquiry.

The presenters will discuss the CFS Stress Prevention and Management Team's response from the first days of the fire, the subsequent coronial enquiry and beyond. [Jill Scott - Consultant psychologist SA Country Fire Service - Trudy Whelan - Welfare & Rehabilitation Consultant, SAFECOM](#)