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SOUTH CAPE - The Southern Cape Fire Protection Association (SCFPA), Eden District Municipality and Working on Fire held a welcome ceremony for a new team on Friday, 13 September.

For those not familiar with WoF, it is a job creation programme (EPWP) focused on integrated fire management. The individuals chosen are trained in fire prevention and suppression as well as awareness and education. The event took place at the Eden Fire Station in George, which is also the base where the 22 fire fighters and one base manager, Melvyn Jacobs, will be stationed.

As this was such a significant ceremony, numerous noteworthy individuals attended and expressed their warm welcome such as Shane Christians, General Manager of the Wolf programme (Western Cape region); Clive Africa, Executive Manager: Management Services (Eden District); Gerhard Otto, Manager: Eden Disaster Management; Henry McCombi, Portfolio Chairperson; Management Services (Eden); Wessie van der Westhuizen, Executive Mayor (Eden) as well as Paul Gerber, Chairman of the Southern Cape Fire Protection Association.

Gerber gave an extensive overview of the

SCFPAs' activities in the Eden region and how integrated fire management is achieved. He also stressed the importance of partnerships for growth and success. This new George team falls under the guidance and management of the SCFPA and is a welcome addition to their current five teams; two teams based in Riversdale and Goudveld and one team based in Crag.

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Die Suid-Kaap Brandbestrydings Assosiasie, Eden distrikskommunisipaleite en Working on Fire (WoF) het Vrydag, 13 September 'n verwelkomingseremonie vir 'n nuwe en broodnodige WoF-span gehou. WoF is 'n werkskeppingsprogram wat gefokus is op geïntegreerde brandbestuur waar in-dividuele gektes en opgelei word in brand-voorkoming en onderdrukking, asook bewustheid en opvoeding. Die geleentheid het by die Eden Brandweerstaie in George plaasgevind, wat ook die basis is waar die 22 brandweermanne en basiste bestuurder, Melvory Jacobs, gestasioneer sal word. Die nuwe span, onder die leiding en bestuur van die SCFPA is 'n welkome toevoeging tot hul huidige vyf spanne waarvan twee spanne in Riversdal en Goudveld gebaseer is en 'n span in Craggs.

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