



# QUEENSLAND FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

## DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, OPERATIONS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OEM) MARK ROCHE



Mark was appointed to Deputy Commissioner, Operations and Emergency Management with the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) in August 2015 and is responsible for the leadership and management of operations for fire and rescue and emergency management functions across the state of Queensland incorporating seven regions, the State Disaster Coordination Centre and QFES State Operations Centre.

Mark commenced his career in Ipswich as an Auxiliary Firefighter in 1979 before joining the permanent Firefighter ranks in 1980. He was first appointed as a Senior Officer in 1998 and undertook a variety of Senior Officer roles in Brisbane Region, South Eastern Region and state functions. In 2006 he was appointed Assistant Commissioner, Far Northern Region.

Mark returned to Brisbane in 2008 as the Assistant Commissioner, Community Safety and Training, with responsibility for Professional Development, State Community Safety Operations, and Training and Emergency Management.

Mark has a Post Graduate Certificate in Applied Management AIPM and Diploma in Frontline Management Initiative (FMI) and was awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal in 2014.

Mark has seen the fire service roles change from an internal focus responding to grass fires, structural fires and limited Road Crash Rescues (RCR), to what is now a multi-agency integrated approach to incident and disaster management encompassing the services of Fire & Rescue, Rural Fire, SES and Emergency Management.

Mark is also the President of the Australasian Road Rescue Organisation (ARRO) which is the peak body in Australasia for the development and exchange of information, knowledge and skills in road rescue.