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Bulk Tanker Day

Working Together

4-5 September 2019

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- **2009 MOU between NBTA and AFAC committing to work together to improve safety. This resulted in the NBTA hosting the first of what has now become the 11th annual Bulk Tanker Day.**
- **Tanker accidents are low in number, but their consequences are high.**
- **Almost 250 reported truck fires in 2018/19 in NSW – an increase of approx. 60 incidents when compared to 2015/16.**



Consequences:

**Fuel Tanker
Fire
Wollongong
January 2019**



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- Over 150 FRNSW personnel involved in the Wollongong incident.
- Closed two major roads during a holiday period.
- No people hurt or killed.
- The truck and one tank burnt. The recovery of the second took over a day.
- The risk to responder staff, on-going environmental effects and the emotional impact on those involved can live on for a long time.
- The impact on the public in terms of delays and disruption was immeasurable.



Fuel Tanker Fire Wollongong January 2019



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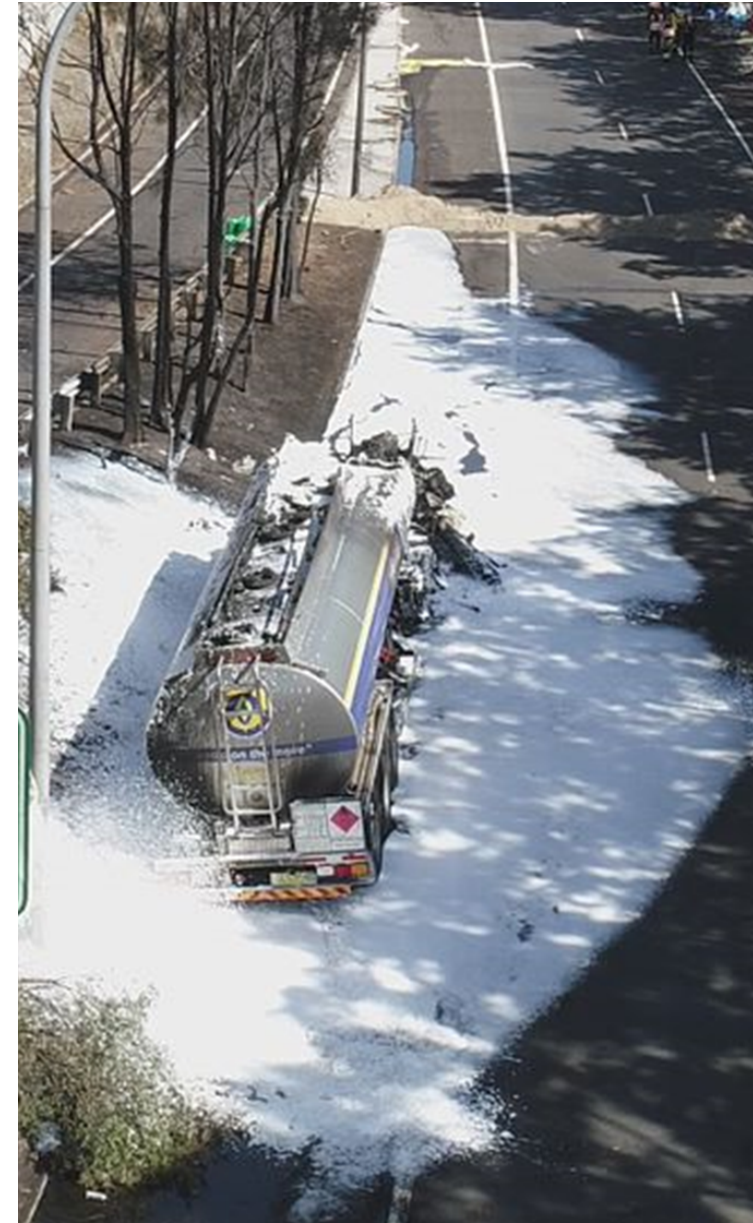
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Strategies & Procedures



Responders, consignors, prime contractors, suppliers and regulators to come together and develop strategies and procedures that:

- Work on reducing the occurrence of incidents.
- Work on ways of ensuring when events occur that they are recovered and removed safely and effectively.
- Critical component of the recovery process is the decanting, salvage and removal.
- However, it is much better to **PREVENT** than respond.



**THANK YOU &
ENJOY**

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