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### **Fire Control Officer's passing a loss to the community**

It with great sadness that the City of Albany announces the passing of Kalgan Fire Control Officer Ross Fenwick yesterday.

Ross was surrounded by family in Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital where he had been since last week.

Ross was rushed to hospital after suddenly taking ill while inspecting the Norman's Beach / Two People's Bay fire which had encroached into the Kalgan Volunteer Bushfire Brigade's Area but was contained at the time.

Ross has been a volunteer bush fire fighter since 1986.

He was the City's Chief Bushfire Control Officer from 2008 to 2014 and was the current president of the Association of Volunteer Bushfire Brigades in WA.

Ross qualified for his National Medal recognising 15 years' service in 2001 and a National Clasp for 25 years' service in 2011. Both honours were awarded to him by the Governor General's representative at a ceremony in 2012.

Ross showed passion and dedication to his community through his brigade and was committed to achieving the best outcomes for all volunteers in the City of Albany.

His passing is a big loss to the Albany community.

On behalf of the Mayor, councillors, staff and bush fire brigade volunteers, the City offers its deepest condolences to Ross' family, members of the Kalgan Volunteer Bushfire Brigade and other volunteers who have worked closely with him over the years.

*Image: Kalgan volunteer firefighter Ross Fenwick waves to the crowd while taking part in the 2013 City of Albany Christmas Festival and Pageant. Picture: Ebony Sugg Photography / City of Albany*

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