



VOLUNTEER TRAINING NOTE 13

Some acronyms

Acronyms and “industry jargon” just come with the territory. Emergency Management is no different from any other sector in use of its own terminology, which is uniformly used throughout, including SAVEM.

This language is there to help, not to hinder; and regular use makes such language routine, understandable and known to all.

Use these terms regularly, and they become a common and remembered skill.

The Australian Emergency Management Glossary is 150 pages long. A very abbreviated version is all that is required to get you going.

5	In Emergency Management, the number representing the ideal and (usually) preferred span of control
AAS	Agriculture and Animal Services – PIRSA’s Functional Service where SAVEM sits within the SEMP
AIIMS	Australasian Interservice Incident Management System – the routine system used in all Emergency Management organisations, including SAVEM
CFS	Country Fire Service in SA (RFS in NSW, CFA in Victoria)
EM	Emergency Management - A range of measures to manage risks to communities and the environment
FM	Functional Management – the utilization of specific functions to manage an incident. The major functions are: Control, Planning, Logistics, Operations and Public Information.
FS	Functional Services - A category of services involved in preparations for an emergency. The SEMP contains a number of Functional Services, in turn containing groups of agencies with similar function.
IAP	Incident Action Plan
IMT	Incident Management Team
PIRSA	Primary Industry and Regions SA
PPRR	Prevention, Preparedness, Response, Recovery - a commonly used model in EM
SAPOL	South Australia Police
SAVEM	South Australian Veterinary Emergency Management
SEMP	State Emergency Management Plan – effectively the “regulations” under the State Emergency Management Act (2004), within which every emergency organisation is accredited and acts.

SitRep	Situation Report
SMEAC	Briefing format: Situation, Mission, Execution, Admin and Logistics, Control and Communications. “SQ” is now usually added: Safety, Questions.
SOPs	Standard Operating Procedures

