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RAAV Ravings



Aggression towards Ambulance Personnel

Mr Stephenson said there was a "significant act of violence" against a paramedic every day and the number of assaults are under-reported.

"A lot of paramedics will tolerate this stuff and ignore it. I don't think you'd tolerate something to this extreme but they do tolerate aggression reasonably frequently," he said.

"It is an increasing phenomenon. It's something we're increasingly concerned about.

"Our number one priority really is to provide a safe workplace for our guys and at the moment that's a pretty difficult thing to do when these sorts of things are happening."

Mr Stephenson said Ambulance Victoria has a close relationship with police who regularly helped paramedics on duty.

However, he said, with more than 1,000 cases a day and half of them at night it would not be practical to have officers

escort paramedics to every job.

We, as retired Ambulance personnel, deplore these type of actions and offer our support to any and all our colleagues who have suffered from the now constant threats to their safety - something we never considered would happen. Certainly not in our time as Ambulance Officers. This is something we certainly did not have to endure..



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With the official opening of the new Museum imminent the committee and members of the society are still keen to hear from any member of our Association who may have any items of interest that can be added to the

increasing memorabilia. In particular the history of the various Stations around the state and Staff who took care of these and the general public.

Attendances at District Meetings

Our District Convenors request that all members wishing to attend meetings advise them of such attendance or unavailability. This include meetings at Doncaster.

This is to ensure there is sufficient catering and seating allocations.



Former Ambulance Officers outside the very old Dandenong Station - Date unknown

