



## **FIRE / INCIDENT of INTEREST**

**DATE:** 14/8/09      **TIME:** 01:47      **CALL N<sup>o</sup>:** 3514

**ADDRESS:** Centre Road near Mitchell Street  
Bentleigh

### **DETAILS:**

A large fire erupted following a car travelling at high speed slamming into a two storey building. Fire engulfed 3 shops. Residents from an upstairs dwelling managed to evacuate safely, but firefighters were unsure if all persons were accounted for and made a thorough search wearing breathing apparatus.

The car brought down power lines, demolished a telephone box and caused structural damage to 6 shops. The driver of the vehicle is deceased.

Centre Road will be closed to all traffic for many hours whilst the incident is investigated and the area made safe for the public. The council structural engineer will be attending in the morning. A health department representative will also be attending due to the fire involving food outlets.

The MFB will be undertaking fire duties throughout this process.

**ATTENDING APPLIANCES:** 6

**No. of FIREFIGHTERS:** approx 25

**OFFICER - IN - CHARGE:** Commander Col Matheson – 0419 320 250

**ORIGINATOR:** MFB Communications Controller – Heather Stockton