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GPSports elite athlete technology used to track fire fighters in fighting Victorian bushfires

GPSports tracking units were used by researchers in a project that involved the tracking of volunteer firefighters during bushfire suppression during the 2006-2007 summer.

Research sponsored by the Bushfire Co-Operative Research Centre and led by David Nichols of the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and Dr Brad Aisbett from the University of Melbourne has employed GPSports Elite tracking units to monitor Australian volunteer fire-fighters during bushfire suppression. The researchers have used the GPSports Elite units to measure and record the distances fire-fighters cover and the speeds with which they move during their fireground shifts. This research is part of a broader project investigating the health, safety, and wellbeing of Australian fire-fighters during bushfire suppression.

Managing Director, Adrian Faccioni, said: “GPSports has now established itself as the leading performance monitoring company in elite sports in Australia with our technology being used in all four football codes. In 2007 we are looking to expand our markets into the non-sport space with interest in areas such as firefighting, defence and police monitoring. Once you establish an accurate and reliable tracking system, then the applications are limitless”.

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