



‘Effective emergency managers in local government: how do we identify and support them?’

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INTRODUCTION

- Effective emergency manager in local government otherwise known as a 'champion'.
- Emergency Management Act 2005 introduced.
- 17 years experience in the industry.
- Master of Emergency Management research project.



CHAMPIONS

- Who are they?
- What makes them tick?
- What characteristics do they have?
- And why do they care?



LITERATURE REVIEW

- What are the essential characteristics and desirable traits that make them successful?

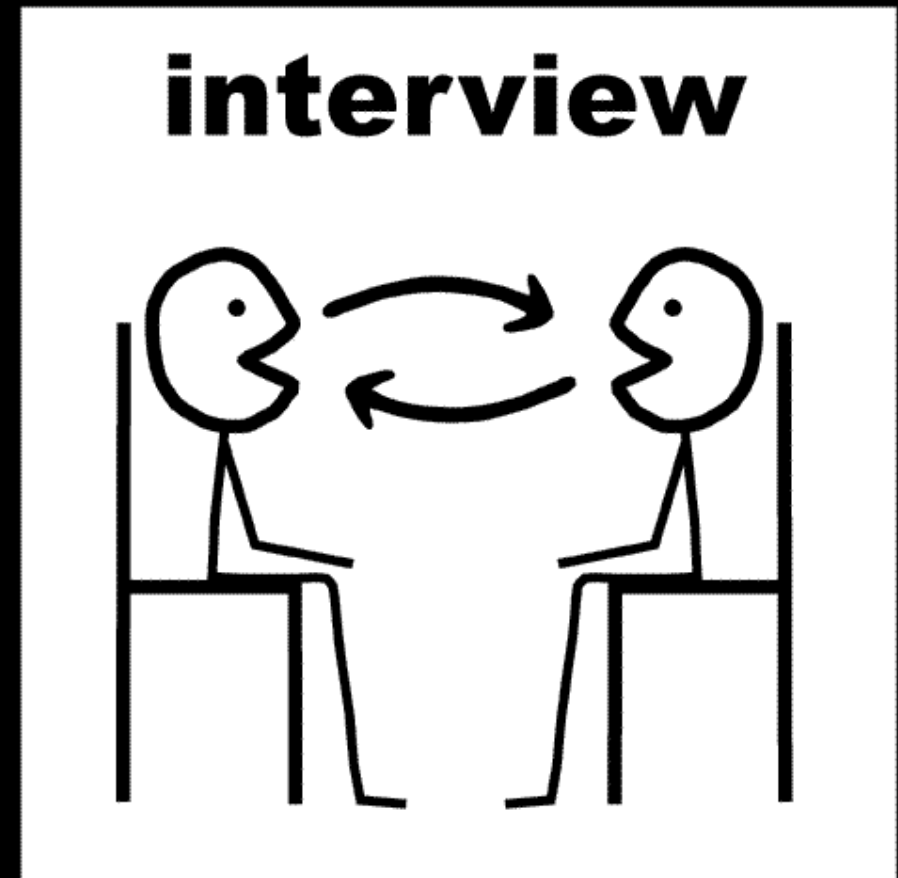


CREATIVE



RESEARCH METHOD

- Six individuals who work in local government undertaking emergency management duties.
- Semi-structured interviews.
- National Ethics Approval process.



RESULTS AND FINDINGS

Research

Knowledge and background in emergency management	Leadership
Community engagement skills	Having networks
Creative and innovative	Flexible
Communication skills	Self-motivated
Compassionate	Passionate
Organised	



BARRIERS

Literature

Lack of funding and resources
Lack of leadership
Lack of interest
Lack of training
Focus on response

Research

Lack of funding and resources
Not believing or understanding emergency management
Emergency management not core business
Balancing emergency management with other responsibilities
Lack of training

SUPPORT STRATEGIES

- Funding and resources.
- Budget for and provide training opportunities.
- Raise awareness of emergency management.



INDIVIDUAL BENEFITS

Flexible work environment

Having autonomy

Working with people and the community

Constant challenges and continual learning

Making a difference

Having passion



LONG-TERM BENEFITS

- Increased resilience.
- Increased opportunities.
- Cost reductions.



CONCLUSION

- Say thank you to our champions.
- Show our support.
- Increase funding and resources.





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