



Volunteer gets detention for lighting fires

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A former volunteer firefighter will serve just under three years in a youth detention centre for lighting a series of bushfires in Victoria last fire season.

Jarred William Brewer, 20, pleaded guilty to 19 charges in the Victorian County Court.

The court heard he lit fires at Wallan and Clonbinane, north of Melbourne, between November and January.

He also made 16 false reports to emergency services.

The court heard Brewer told police he lit the fires as backburns, so that new CFA members could get used to being on fire trucks.

The fires did not damage any property.

Judge Tony Duckett said Brewer's offending presented a serious threat to the welfare of the community, and Brewer was fortunate that he did not cause property damage or loss of life.

Brewer will serve two years and 11 months in a youth justice centre.

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