

Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services



What do the Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services do?

Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services (VFES) volunteers play a significant and vital role in helping to ensure their local communities are safe. VFES volunteers serve their local communities on a voluntary basis by undertaking both operational and non-operational roles. Not all VFES units are the same, volunteer roles and activities can vary depending on where you live.



- the level of fire prevention and risk management required within their communities:
- the need to educate school children on fire safety;
- other community requirements.



- structure, bush and scrub fires;
- hazardous materials emergencies;
- vehicle and industrial rescue;
- floods, storms and cyclones;
- cliff and cave rescues;
- land and air searches; and
- marine rescues.



What volunteer roles are available?

Volunteers undertake various roles according to their abilities, interests, and what they are comfortable with. The different volunteer roles are listed below.

- Firefighting
- Fire support
- Hazardous material recovery (HAZMAT)
- Road crash rescue
- Storm and flood response
- Search and Rescue
- Vertical rescue
- Radio communications
- Operations
- Logistics
- Administration
- Equipment maintenance
- Leadership
- Training
- Welfare









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What are the benefits of volunteering?

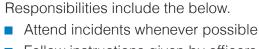
- Serving your community
- Increasing your knowledge and skills
- Achieving personal satisfaction
- Meeting new people
- Being actively involved in emergency services
- Challenging yourself
- Applying your skills in new environments.



What will I be doing?

Time commitments vary between units but a typical commitment range is:

- one training night per month;
- one meeting per month; and
- attending incidents when you are available.



- Follow instructions given by officers
- Use service equipment and vehicles in a safe manner
- Attend meetings as required
- Participate in training
- Maintain a reasonable level of fitness, appropriate to allocated tasks
- Maintain vehicles, equipment and personal protective clothing.



Unit contact information





For more information

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