



# Bush Fire Service



## What does the Bush Fire Service do?

Bush Fire Service (BFS) volunteers play a significant and vital role in helping to ensure their local communities are safe.

BFS brigades are established by Local Governments to provide a volunteer fire prevention and suppression service in areas where no cover or limited cover is provided by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' career Fire and Rescue Service, Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service, Volunteer Fire and Emergency Service or Parks and Wildlife.

Volunteers are trained and equipped to carry out a range of activities such as those listed below.

- Responding to emergencies including:
  - bush and scrub fires;
  - structural firefighting; and
  - vehicle fires.
- Fire prevention and risk management work
- Supporting other emergency services when required.

## 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
- Community safety and education
- Leadership
- Support (incident management and communications)
- Training
- Administration
- Equipment maintenance
- Recruitment
- Social and digital media
- Brigade marketing and public relations
- Assisting other agencies.

## What are the benefits of volunteering?

- Serve your community
- Increase your knowledge and skills
- Personal satisfaction
- Opportunity to meet new people
- Active involvement in emergency services
- Challenge yourself
- Opportunity to apply your skills in a new environment
- Valued member of the community
- Belong to a team



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## What will I be doing?

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

- One training session per calendar month
- On average one weekend every two months
- Attend incidents when you are available.

Responsibilities include:

- Attending incidents whenever possible
- Following instructions given by the Fire Control Officer (FCO) and brigade officers
- Use brigade equipment and vehicles in a safe manner
- Attend brigade meetings regularly
- Participate in training
- Maintain a reasonable level of fitness appropriate to your role within the brigade
- Maintain appliances, equipment, and personal protective equipment (PPE).

## Brigade contact information

Brigade Name:
Brigade member:
Position:
Phone:
Email:
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## For more information

Department of Fire and Emergency Services

[www.dfes.wa.gov.au/volunteers](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/volunteers)

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