



# SES Volunteers Association of WA (Inc)

One Association - Many Values

October 2021

# Newsletter

## From the President

Hello once again,

This past month has been eventful in many different areas for SES Volunteers. Operationally we continue to serve our communities in storm, rescue and search operations. How proud we are of all of you.

The DFES Commissioner has released an Infection Control Policy to help assisting all of us to stay healthy in what has been a first for us all in the journey of the worldwide pandemic being COVID 19.

I ask you to please protect yourselves and your loved ones by getting vaccinated.

I don't believe that anyone really goes out to become infected but as emergency service workers, we all attend many unknown people and places in response to community needs. Taking a chance is a risk that could affect those we share our lives with.

The WAFES conference has been and gone for 2021. It was great to catchup with many of you during the weekend and then at your SES Association AGM on the Sunday morning.

Speaking to many attendees, we had varying feedback and thoughts on the WAFES Conference. Please feed this back to us so we can advocate for improvement.

Your Association AGM was held at 10:00 AM on the Sunday morning at Burswood. Thank you for your support and enabling an overwhelming vote for me to remain as your President. Thank you so much and it is humbling. I do accept the responsibility with broader experience and greater resolve that as an advocate, together we can achieve so much as we have challengers within the SES in our future.

The elephant in the room will be the new Emergency Services Legislation.

Your Association is working hard behind the scenes and will be communicating with all units in the not to distant future. This is to ensure that you are all given the ability to be heard and consulted. This consultation is about what you want rather than telling what you are getting. This is of critical importance that we influence the legislation before the draft for wider consultation is delivered to the wider community.

Your Association looks forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance.

Once again, take care out there. Whether in training or operation, in Orange we are risking life and limb in serving to our communities.

Thank you.

*Greg Cook*  
President



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### Deployment

During October DFES will issue an expression of interest for those wanting to participate and be included in the 2021-22 Deployment Register.

The Deployment Register captures the details of those who may be called upon for Intrastate, Interstate and International travel should additional resources be requested or required for an emergency response.

SES volunteers wanting to put themselves forward for any of the deployment options will need to complete and submit the nomination form, include their preferences and enter current competencies.

Volunteers may be subject to completing a pre-deployment medical questionnaire or undergo medical checks prior to being deployed and if selecting the 'international' option, must have a valid passport with at least 6 months currency available.

Nomination forms should be provided to your Local Manager for endorsement.

Please note, there is no penalty or scrutiny for any member should they be called upon and not be in a position to be deployed at that particular time.

For further information about deployments please see Directive 2.4 which can be found on the Volunteer Hub here:

[https://volunteerhub.dfes.wa.gov.au/docs/default-source/vhprocesscopy/doctrine/directive/directive-2-04---operational-deployment-pdf.pdf?sfvrsn=41197314\\_7](https://volunteerhub.dfes.wa.gov.au/docs/default-source/vhprocesscopy/doctrine/directive/directive-2-04---operational-deployment-pdf.pdf?sfvrsn=41197314_7)

### SESVA Bus

Thank you to all the Units who forwarded an Expression of Interest in obtaining the SESVA bus.

The information provided by all Units made the decision of where to locate the bus a hard one.

In the end, after extensive review, the SESVA has determined the bus will be located at Wagin Unit.

From all of the information provided it was determined this was the best location of the bus to support DFES Unit requirements, and to provide support in the local community

### WAFES Conference Feedback

DFES as part of their consultation have asked for feedback from you on this year's conference at Burswood.

Please share your thoughts with us so we can provide a consolidated review from the SES and allow for improved SES themed representation next year.

Please send an email with your thoughts to Bella in our office?

[sesva.office@ses-wa.asn.au](mailto:sesva.office@ses-wa.asn.au)

### Merchandise

Don't forget the SESVA has a range of items that can help with recruitment campaigns and promotion of your Unit.

Just contact Bella at the SESVA office.

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## Training TRK Progress

Some good news on the progress of SES training packages:

- SES Search Commander was published on the 20th August;
- Storm Damage Operations, Chainsaw, and SES Team Leader have all been through peer review and are undergoing QA signoff;
- Operations Officer Team Member is on track for submission for peer review on the 24th September; and
- The SES Training Product Developer selection process is nearing completion which will enhance the capacity of Learning & Development to complete SES related training products for the duration of the contract.

## Regional Exercises

Some of us within the Volunteer SES are working hard to bring back the regional exercises that we used to enjoy so much.

They were a weekend away with your colleagues to learn and test many of the skills that we touch on during our normal training.

The vision is to connect with each other, test each other and enjoy the company after hours with each other.

Progress with the working group sees more regions and units sitting around the table building what we want and please don't forget, when we have a full picture, we will engage with our colleagues in the regional offices.

Whilst I'm positive this will start in a smaller capacity, we will build on this. Of course SES Units will be invited to join in this statewide series of events.

This will not affect Unit's budget as it will be funded through your Association.

Let's get involved!

## Emergency Services Medal

The ESM recognises distinguished service provided by members of an Australian emergency service, including the SES.

Announcements of ESM recipients is conducted twice a year, being the Australia Day Honours List in January and Queen's Birthday Honours List in June however, nominations can be submitted any time during the year via the DFES Rewards and Recognition Team.

The nomination form provides information about eligibility, criteria and the information needed to be included in the submission.

If you know a member that goes above and beyond please consider nominating them for such an important award.

Further information about the ESM can be found on the Volunteer Hub here:

<https://volunteerhub.dfes.wa.gov.au/home/awards/australian-honours-service-medals#Emergency-Services-Medal>

## How to Keep Informed

Don't forget we have a website which keeps you informed of what is happening across the state in SES land.

We also have "the App". (SESVA WA) and are on Facebook.

And also, if you would like our newsletters, other relevant information etc forwarded direct to your email, just contact the SESVA office ([sesva.office@ses-wa.asn.au](mailto:sesva.office@ses-wa.asn.au)), and advise your details.

**Western  
Australian**

**State  
Emergency  
Service**

**1st July, 1959**

**Issued by Authority of Under Secretary, Premier's Department, Perth**

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## STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE

### (1) FUNCTION

The State Emergency Service has been created to cope with civil disasters, including fire, floods, cyclones, railway accidents, crashed aircraft, explosions and search for lost persons.

The Service will supplement and not replace normal local or departmental action. Control of specialised measures such as fire fighting or railway accidents will not be removed from existing responsible authorities.

### (2) OPERATION

The Service will come into operation only on the order of the Commissioner of Police, who will first confer with the Under Secretary, Premier's Department, if time permits.

### (3) PROCEDURE

(a) The Senior Police Officer at the scene of the emergency will assume control and assess the situation in the light of local assistance which is available. Information as to local resources in manpower and equipment will have been submitted to the District Police Officer by each country local authority. When satisfied that the resources available are likely to be inadequate to meet the situation, the Police Officer will notify the Commissioner and request further assistance. The particular type of aid required and all details of the situation must be specified.

(b) The Commissioner will despatch a senior officer to the scene of the emergency with such assistance as is necessary. This officer will assume control of the situation; further action will depend upon his reports.

### (4) RESOURCES

Plant and Equipment resources which can be made available from the various authorities are set out herein. Authorities concerned will be also responsible for providing operators for specialist equipment.

### (5) AIR SEARCHES

The Department of Civil Aviation, through its Control Operation Branch, will co-ordinate all aerial searches. Requests for the use of aircraft will be accepted by the Department of Civil Aviation only from the Commissioner of Police or one of his officers. The Civil Aviation Department will advise on the suitability and availability of aircraft, together with chartering costs and will make appropriate recommendations to the Commissioner of Police who will be responsible for engaging aircraft.

### (6) MANPOWER

Manpower will be called upon in the following order :-

- (i) Local and departmental.
- (ii) Armed Services.
- (iii) Volunteer.

Interested organisations listed at page 4, have been invited to organise volunteer manpower and to maintain a register of personnel available with the Commissioner of Police.

Where the organisation providing manpower cannot provide transport, other agencies will be invited to co-operate. The organisations have been requested to submit the names and telephone numbers of their responsible officials to the Commissioner of Police who will call upon them as required. Responsibility for assembly, despatch, movement and control of members will remain with voluntary organisations until the Commissioner of Police or his representative, assumes control at the scene of the emergency.



# OPERATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT



## Newsletter // August 2021

### // Monthly Highlights

#### What has been happening?

- General Rescue Truck Asset Acceptance.
- Structural Firefighting Level 2 PPC meeting to review practical evaluation results.
- Height Safety System PAT meeting to trial prototype equipment.

#### Next Steps

- WAFES conference fleet display.
- Market analysis and PAT workshop for Natural Hazards Fleet.
- Revision of Functional Specifications for Combined Aerial Pumping Appliance (CAPA).



During the workshop PAT members completed a proof-of-concept on new height safety practices.

### Height Safety System (HSS) PAT Workshop

The HSS PAT recently held a workshop at the DFES Academy to trial prototype equipment. A practical demonstration of roof safety systems was carried out to explore the complex issues of working safely at heights.





# Operational Research and Development

## Newsletter //

### Status Update August 2021

Asset Design and Delivery Model



Fleet Project Stream	Current Status	Next Steps
<b>Concept Design</b>		
<b>Heavy Tanker</b> PAT Chair: John Carter	Proof-of-concept weight and packaging completed. PAT Concept Acceptance meeting held and concept recommended to progress to Acquisition.	Concept Approval.
<b>CFRS Urban Tanker</b> PAT Chair: Aditan Hamill	PAT participation in 4.4 Broadacre mobility trials held 14/5 as proof-of-concept activity. OCD revised with concept illustrations.	PAT Concept Acceptance meeting.
<b>Incident Control Vehicle</b> PAT Chair: Gary Baxter	Concept development in progress. OCD draft revised. Discussions with ICT/Operational Communications held to begin collaboration in this stream.	SRA and Proof of Concept (PoC) Activity.
<b>CAPA</b> PAT Chair: Stuart Wade	Retrospective Asset Development Proposal being approved. Concept Acceptance meeting held 20/8.	Concept Acceptance Approval by OSDC and DC Operations. Revise Functional Specification to latest requirements.
<b>Livery Developments</b>	For limited evaluation through GRU First of Type builds. Proof-of-concept livery prototype completed.	User Review and Concept Acceptance. To be on display at WAFES conference.
<b>Bushfire Fleet Mobility</b> PAT Chair: Brad Delavale	Central Tyre Inflation (CTI) PoC evaluation undertaken. Super singles prototype modifications seeking road approvals. Evaluation and trial period extended to June 2022.	CTI PoC report and PAT review. Super singles PoC testing.
<b>12 Person Bus</b> PAT Chair: Matt Reimer	Market Sounding underway. PAT formed from GRU and GRT members.	PAT kick-off meeting early September.
<b>Operational Trailers</b>	Development initiation. RCR and General Rescue trailers are pilot only.	Market Analysis and Commercial Risk Assessment. Market sounding. PAT workshop preparations.
<b>Manager Command and Control Vehicle</b> PAT Chair: Shaun Champ	User Needs Analysis workshop held 6/8.	Concept Development.

Fleet Project Stream	Current Status	Next Steps
<b>Asset Acceptance</b>		
<b>Light Tanker</b> PAT Chair: Andrew Spiry	Asset Acceptance completed. Vehicle allocation underway.	Walk Around video. Official Launch event planned for September.
<b>1.4 Tanker</b> PAT Chair: Murray McBride	Practical Evaluation of pump options held 24/6. Technical negotiations underway.	Complete Technical Negotiation and initiate first-of-type builds.
<b>4.4 Broadacre Tanker</b> PAT Chair: Phil Hay	First of Type builds of all cab chassis options completed. Infield user validation of all cab chassis options together held 14/5.	User validation report update. Improvement opportunity analysis. PAT acceptance.
<b>General Rescue Utility</b> PAT Chair: Jon Kirk	Asset acceptance of urban GRU configuration. Allocation to SES Units underway. Country North and South in field user validation report completed for remote variant. Improvement recommendations under review.	Remote GRU configuration improvement recommendation selection and specification baseline.
<b>General Rescue Truck</b> PAT Chair: Matt Reimer	DCRM published. Asset Acceptance Completed.	Begin vehicle allocation.
<b>Flood Rescue Boat</b> PAT Chair: Graham Sears	PAT Acceptance obtained. Operating documentation obtained from Department of Transport (Marine).	Revise DORM. Catalogue Specifications. Walk around video. Complete Asset Acceptance.
<b>Urban Pumper</b> PAT Chair: Warren Male	Bodywork specification finalised and first-of-type vehicle being revised.	User validation follow up activity: lights, vehicle handling. Update DORM. PAT acceptance.
<b>Urban Pumper Type 2</b> PAT Chair: Andrew Wright	Bodywork specification finalised and first-of-type vehicle being revised.	Follow up validation activity: locker layout, vehicle handling. Determine in-field validation activity.
<b>2.4 Broadacre</b> PAT Chair: Torben Bendtsen	First of Type Build in progress. Completion delayed and now scheduled for Aug '21.	Inspection and controlled testing.
<b>Medium Logistics Truck</b>	Contract awarded.	Build vehicles.

Flood Rescue Boat operators launched off the Point Walter boat ramp, braving grey skies and the elements to participate in a 'walk around video', both on terra firma and the water.





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## Equipment Project Streams

Below please find a snapshot of active equipment developments

Equipment Project Stream	Current Status	Next Steps
<b>Concept Design</b>		
<b>Road Crash Rescue Equipment</b> Coordinator: Nathan Wilcock	Functional specifications drafted.	Review and endorsement of functional specifications from PAT.
<b>Self Contained Breathing Apparatus</b> Coordinator: Matt Wakeling	User needs analysis workshop held 12/8	Concept Development.
<b>Height Safety System</b> PAT Chair: Matt Watson	Concept Development workshop held 28/8 including proof-of-concept activity relevant to storm response.	Structure Fire response proof-of-concept activity. Document storm response concept for approval and progression



Level 2 PPC PAT members gathered to discuss feedback after extensive user validation trials and finalise the specification for first-of-type models to be produced. Some of the trial garments have been used in excess of 50 hot fire events at WAFESA, providing valuable examples of durability and longevity.

For further details or feedback on this update, please contact the team  
[ORD@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:ORD@dfes.wa.gov.au) New ORD [DFES Intranet](#) & [Volunteer Hub](#) coming soon.

## Light Tanker Vehicle Allocations



The Fleet Delivery team recently handed over the first of the Light Tankers with vehicles allocated to Kwinana South BFB and Mandogalup BFB.





# Remember SES Regional Exercises?

Skill-  
Sharing

Camaraderie

*Its time to bring  
them back!*

Getting to  
know each-  
other

Self-  
direction

*Your Volunteer Association  
wants to help every region host a  
regional exercise starting in  
summer **this year!** We need a  
representative from each of the 12  
regions to work with us to bring back  
the regional exercises. If your region  
wants a regional exercise, it needs to  
be involved!*

Discovering  
new tricks  
and tools

Better  
prepared for  
emergency

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