



The Hon. Francis Logan, Mr Murray Lang, Mr Bradley Warr and Commissioner Darren Klemm

Fire and Emergency Services Awards

Firefighting Award Winners

Two firefighting brigades, Tom Price Bush Fire Brigade and Tom Price Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service received the Team Achievement Award for firefighting, recognised for uniting to protect their isolated Pilbara community when a bushfire threatened the town in October 2017.

Callum O'Connell from Tom Price Emergency Services Cadet Corp was recognised for his work in promoting fire safety messages to local primary school children and devising a new road safety initiative along Tom Price-Paraburdoo Road.

Lower South West District Officer Phil Brandrett was awarded the Career Fire and Rescue Service Award for his professionalism and dedication to volunteers, local governments and fellow staff. The lower South West is one of the state's highest bushfire risk areas and Phil regularly goes beyond expectations to resolve issues and take care of volunteer firefighters.

Gyula Bogar won the WA Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Award for his efforts in protecting his community and ensuring he has a happy and engaged volunteer crew available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Bradley Warr was awarded the Murray Lang Bush Fire Service of WA Award. For Bradley, training and mentoring the Dwellingup Bush Fire Brigade emergency services responders of tomorrow has been a passion for many years. He provides a focus for youth in the area, organising regular boot camps or arranging weekends away to learn and share knowledge and skills with other firefighters.

WA Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services Award was presented to Chris Unstead of the Bullsbrook Volunteer Fire and Emergency Service for his adaptability in all situations and hazards. His excellent incident management and planning skills have helped his brigade ensure their local community has not suffered any significant impacts from bushfire in recent years.

State Emergency Service Award Winners

Belmont/Victoria Park SES volunteer Sarah Hamilton received the Youth Achievement Award. Sarah is an inspiring young volunteer, and the first woman to design and implement a new SES badge for Scouts.

Wanneroo Joondalup SES Training Manager Stephen Faulkner was presented the Peter Keillor Award for his exceptional commitment to SES Cadets, encouraging the next generation of volunteers and ensuring they are well prepared for any emergency.

The SES Team Achievement Award was presented to volunteers from Bayswater, Swan, Kalamunda, Gosnells and Stirling SES units who competed together as a team in the National Disaster Rescue Challenge. Their technical and teamwork skills were put to the test, undertaking eight rescue scenarios.

Volunteer Marine Rescue Services Award Winners

Fremantle Sea Rescue, one of Australia's busiest marine groups, was awarded the Volunteer Marine Rescue Services Team Award for leading the way in adapting cutting-edge marine search and rescue technology. The new technology allows remote monitoring of 11 marine radio channels from any smart device anywhere in the world.

The Commander's Award went to the Volunteer Marine Rescue Services Training Group for their tireless work developing, delivering and streamlining their training package. Eight people from various volunteer rescue groups worked on the training package while continuing their normal volunteer duties.