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**INTERESTED IN ATTENDING AFAC 2018?
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN**

The Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC) is bringing its annual conference - AFAC18 - to Perth for the first time in six years.

Hosted by DFES and DBCA in Perth, AFAC18 is the premier Australasian knowledge sharing event conducted by the fire and emergency services and land management industry for the broader emergency management sector.

The conference will be at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Thursday 6 and Friday 7 September 2018, and it will replace WA Fire and Emergency Services (WAFES) conference which will return in 2019.

AFAC18, with its theme, *Changing Lives in a Changing World*, will explore how emergency services changes lives; how we can improve ourselves and the emergency management sector for the better, and how we can all thrive in an ever-changing, complex environment.

This is a unique professional development opportunity being offered to staff and volunteers once in seven years. You'll make friends for life, gain newfound confidence and develop new perspectives on the issues facing the world today.

DFES is inviting operational and non-operational staff to register their interest to attend the conference by completing the attached form and returning it through their chain of command.

WA volunteers should contact their respective volunteer association.

Expressions of interest close on Friday 25 May 2018 and short-listed delegates will be notified via email in June 2018.

Each Command will pay for the cost of the 2-day conference registration, and travel accommodation for regional staff.

Please note that attendance on rostered days off will be in your own time and overtime will not be paid.



Unfortunately, operational staff on day shifts cannot be released from duty to attend the presentations. However, Metropolitan Operations portfolio will do their best to enable a number of on-shift crews to visit the trade exhibition. Standbys can be utilised if rostered personnel would like to attend.

AFAC18 will provide DFES and DBCA personnel and volunteers with an opportunity to network with their colleagues, acquire new skills and knowledge, participate in a wide range of workshops and presentations, and attend the professional development program.

If you require further information about the conference please visit the AFAC website at afacconference.com.au.

For more information or if you have any questions please contact Media and Corporate Communications on conference@dfes.wa.gov.au.

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COMMISSIONER



AFAC CONFERENCE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

DFES operational and non-operational staff only.

Volunteers need to contact their association for more information.

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For more information or if you have any questions please contact AFAC Events Coordinator Lisa Wilde on 9395 9396 or via conference@dfes.wa.gov.au.