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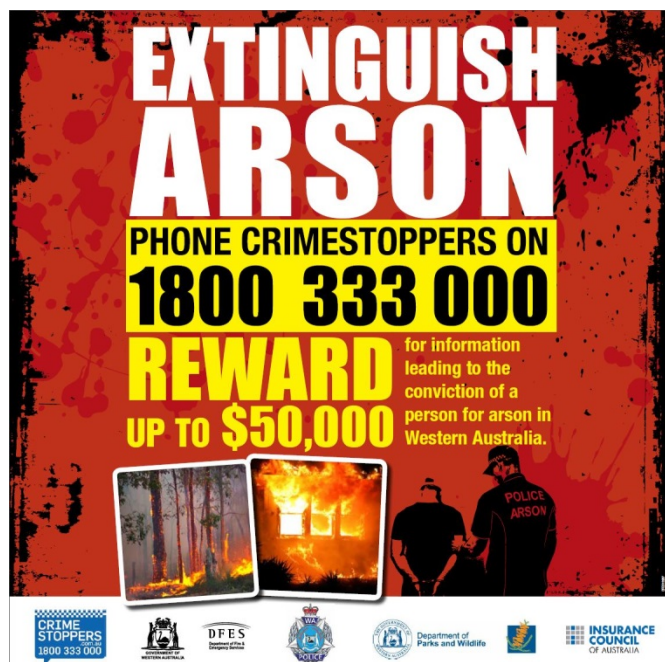
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### STRIKE FORCE VULCAN DURING THE 2017/18 BUSHFIRE SEASON

**Critical Message:** Incident Controllers need to be aware that Strike Force Vulcan Officers will be attending incidents as of December 4<sup>th</sup>. Incident Controllers are to work with these members in regards to fire cause and/or persons of interest.

Strike Force Vulcan (SFV) will be established in the metropolitan area for the 2017/18 southern bushfire season. SFV forms part of the Western Australian Police Bushfire Arson Intervention Strategy and to date it has been highly successful in the identification and arrest arson offenders. SFV will respond proactively to developing bushfire incidents, gather evidence and patrol the immediate area.

It is important for operational crews to be aware that SFV officers may be present on the fireground beginning from December 4<sup>th</sup> 2017. The strike force members consist of detectives and investigative officers assigned to the strike force.



The officers have been requested to contact the Incident Controller (IC) on arrival but due to the nature of work obligations by both agencies this may not always occur. SFV members have undertaken fireground awareness training conducted by the Fire Investigation Analysis Unit.

It is imperative that the IC gives any police officers identifying themselves as SFV members all assistance with regard to any information relating to the fire cause and/or persons of interest. It is also important the IC does not attempt to utilise these officers in other capacities such as traffic control.

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Target Audience: Metro Career and Volunteer Firefighters (Vulcan is metro only)				
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