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STATE AERIAL FIREFIGHTING OPERATIONS 2017-2018

The following information outlines state aerial firefighting aircraft types and bases for their nominated service periods during the 2017-2018 southern fire season.

ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT - JANDAKOT BASE (0900h-1800h)

Commenced 1 November 2017

- 2 x Bell 214B Type 2 Helitaks for aerial fire suppression
- 1 x AS355 Twin Squirrel Type 3 Firebird for Air Attack Supervision (AAS)
- 1 x AS365 N2 Dauphin Type 2 for AAS, and utility

Commencing 1 December 2017

- 2 x Bell 214B Type 2 Helitaks for aerial fire suppression
- 1 x Bolkow 105 Aerial reconnaissance platform with remote sensing, mapping (from 0800h daily)

Commencement Date TBA

- 1 x AS350 Squirrel Type 3 Firebird for AAS (with SEATs)

ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT - BUSSELTON BASE (0600h-1800h)

Commencing 15 December 2017

- 2 x Bell 214B Type 2 Helitaks for aerial fire suppression

ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT – SERPENTINE BASE (0900h-1800h)

Commencing 20 December 2017

- 1 x Sikorsky S64E Airplane Type 1 HV for suppression

FIXED WING AIRCRAFT - JANDAKOT, BUNBURY, MANJIMUP and ALBANY

Commencement Dates TBA, (0600h-1800h)

- 2 x Air Tractor 802 Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATs) at each base
- 1 x Champion Scout AAS platform at each base

More detail on the aerial firefighting services is contained in the [Aerial Firefighting Fleet Fact Sheet](#) available on the DFES intranet.

Further information on automatic responses and call out procedures is available from [SOP 3.11.1 – Aerial Fire Suppression Response](#).

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Full links for staff:

<http://extranet/sites/volunteers/members/SharedRepository/opsresources/Ops%20Resources%20%20SOPs%20Field%20Guides/SOP%203.11.1%20-%20Aerial%20Suppression%20Response.pdf>

[http://extranet/sites/volunteers/members/SharedRepository/opsresources/Ops%20Resources%20%20Air%20Operations/2017%20State%20\(DFES+DBCA\)%20Aerial%20Firefighting%20Fleet%20Facts%20Sheet.pdf](http://extranet/sites/volunteers/members/SharedRepository/opsresources/Ops%20Resources%20%20Air%20Operations/2017%20State%20(DFES+DBCA)%20Aerial%20Firefighting%20Fleet%20Facts%20Sheet.pdf)

Full links for volunteers and extranet users:

<http://extranet.dfes.wa.gov.au/sites/volunteers/members/SharedRepository/opsresources/Ops%20Resources%20%20SOPs%20Field%20Guides/SOP%203.11.1%20-%20Aerial%20Suppression%20Response.pdf>

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