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**2020 WA FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES CONFERENCE**

I am pleased to announce that the ninth annual WA Fire and Emergency Services (WAFES) Conference will be held from Friday 4 to Sunday 6 September at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

This year's conference theme *Stronger when we work together* represents the collaboration and camaraderie of our emergency services as we work towards creating a safer State.

The conference program features some exciting changes this year. A greater range of site tours and workshops will be available for all delegates to attend. The official opening will be held on Friday afternoon, prior to the Welcome Sundowner. Volunteer Association Annual General Meetings will be held on Sunday morning to provide more opportunity for exciting keynote speakers, plenary sessions and service specific sessions in the Saturday program. The Fire and Emergency Services Awards Gala Dinner will be held on Saturday night.

I am delighted to advise this year there will be more places for volunteers to attend the conference and awards than ever before. Volunteer services will continue to be allocated places, however, an additional 150 places will also be allocated via a ballot system.

All volunteers and staff interested in attending the 2020 WAFES Conference must submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to be eligible for a place. More information on the EOI process will be released on the Volunteer Hub and DFES Intranet in the coming weeks.

I also encourage volunteers from all services to consider joining the WAFES working group to contribute to the development of topics for the conference program. Register your interest via the Volunteer Hub by Monday 9 March.

For more information visit the [Volunteer Hub](#), email [conference@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:conference@dfes.wa.gov.au) or call 9395 9853.

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