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STRIKE FORCE VULCAN DURING THE 2023/24 BUSHFIRE SEASON

Key Message

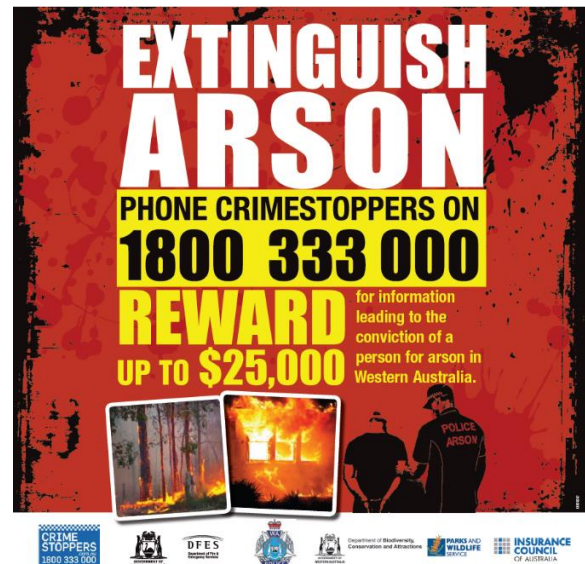
Strike Force Vulcan (SFV) is an annual bushfire prevention and intervention strategy undertaken by WA Police, DFES and DBCA and is currently operational until the end of April 2024. SFV are a statewide Strike Force predominately operating in the Metropolitan Area and available to respond to significant fires 24/7.

What happened?

It is important for operational crews to be aware that SFV officers may be present on the fire ground beginning 4 December 2023. The SFV members consist of detectives and investigative officers assigned to the strike force.

For the first time, SFV has DFES Fire Investigation Officers (FIO) from the Rural Fire Division embedded in the team.

SFV officers have been requested to contact the Incident Controller (IC) on arrival. Due to the nature of work undertaken by both agencies this may not always occur. SFV officers have undertaken fire-ground awareness training conducted by the Bushfire Centre of Excellence.



What does it mean for me?

A DFES FIO may be mobilised to accidental/undetermined bushfires as per existing arrangements under [SOP 2.1.2](#) and [Field Guide 3.2](#). SFV attendance can be requested through ComCen to deliberate or suspicious bushfires noting the team may already be mobile to the incident.

It is imperative that the IC protect the area of origin and give any Police Officers identifying themselves as SFV members assistance regarding any information relating to the fire cause and/or persons of interest.

Further information

Contact fio@dfes.wa.gov.au

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