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What is an SES volunteer?

SES VOLUNTEERS are 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things'. They are empowered to help themselves and others in their community in times of emergency and disaster. They are well respected within their communities and experience the satisfaction of helping their communities and working as part of a skilled team. Their role is more than just responding to incidents or disasters; they attend training, SES group meetings after hours and maintain equipment in their own time.

THE ROLE of SES volunteers is vital to the safety of people, properties and communities in times of emergency and disaster. SES volunteers are people who care about their communities and are not paid for the great work they do. Whether helping people after a storm or natural disaster, assisting at a road crash, searching for a missing person, responding to a range of other incidents or assisting with non-emergency activities such as public education displays or delivery of safety awareness presentations, SES members are there when their community needs them most.



Further information

To find out more information about the SES contact 1300 369 003. To become a volunteer visit the SES website at www.ses.qld.gov.au or contact your nearest Emergency Management Queensland office:

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07 4965 6651 | ROMA
07 4622 2188 |
| BRISBANE
07 3635 1890 | WIDE BAY BURNETT
07 4190 4810 | SUNSHINE COAST
07 5420 7568 |
| CAIRNS
07 4039 8255 | MT ISA
07 4743 2601 | TOOWOOMBA
07 4616 1560 |
| LONGREACH
07 4658 1308 | ROCKHAMPTON
07 4938 4999 | TOWNSVILLE
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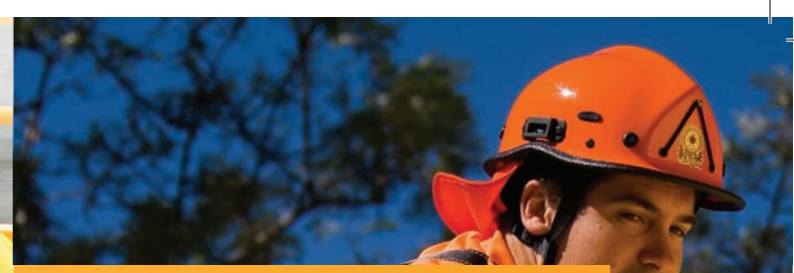
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STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE

be your best join the SES



What is the SES?

THE STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE (SES) forms a part of Emergency Management Queensland (EMQ) which is a division of the Department of Community Safety (DCS). EMQ is responsible for Queensland's disaster management arrangements, emergency helicopter services, supporting community helicopter providers and managing government support to volunteer organisations. EMQ provides support and funding assistance for the Volunteer Marine Rescue Association of Queensland; Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association; Surf Life Saving Queensland; Royal Life Saving Society Australia; and the State Emergency Service (SES).

The SES is a volunteer-based organisation that is designed to empower people to help themselves and others in their community in times of emergency and disaster. The basic concept of the SES is one of self-help and mutual assistance within each community. This concept involves the community in all aspects of disaster and emergency activity including prevention, preparation, response and recovery measures that will help protect the community when disaster strikes.



Why join the SES?

THE REWARDS of joining the SES include learning new skills, keeping fit, forming new friendships, gaining valuable qualifications, earning respect within the community, having fun and being active as part of a team.

SES functions

The **SES** may become involved in preparing for and responding to many different types of disasters and emergencies including:

- cyclones
- storms
- floods
- crime scene/forensics searches
- public events
- body recovery
- animal disease outbreaks
- earthquakes
- transportation incidents
- landslides
- searches for missing persons
- cliff rescue
- providing support to other emergency services.

Members also assist other emergency services with the provision of:

- emergency lighting
- emergency welfare services
- control of traffic at emergency scenes
- emergency communications.



Mates

AS AN SES VOLUNTEER you will be working together with a great group of like-minded people. Your group will train and respond to emergencies together, and the experiences you share will lay the foundations for life-long friendships.



Training

QUEENSLAND SES VOLUNTEERS receive world class training in a range of disciplines, providing them with real life skills which are used during emergencies and knowledge that stays with them throughout their life.

Basic training includes topics such as first aid, search and rescue, map reading and vehicle and equipment operation. Specialist training gives members the skills they need for road crash rescues vertical rescues, land searches, water rescues and team leadership. Areas that SES members may seek training and accreditation in include:

- agency support
- incident management
- flood Response
- search
- road crash rescue
- special rescue
- storm response
- traffic management
- vertical rescue
- community education
- aerial observation.



Challenge

THE QUEENSLAND SES has a role for people with a broad range of talents and expertise. A level of physical fitness is needed especially when involved in rescues, responding to natural disasters and performing other critical roles. Roles of administration, communications, stores and welfare do not necessarily require this level of fitness however will only be available dependent on the existing membership of the SES Group.

Competition

THE STATE RESCUE COMPETITION, which is held annually, provides a unique opportunity for SES teams from across the state to come together in a spirit of friendly rivalry to apply, practice and further develop general rescue related skills and knowledge.