



# THE UNITED PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS UNION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA CIRCULAR

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## McGowan Government Announcement Regarding CFRS Resourcing

### Attention: All Members

The Union is pleased to inform the membership of the announcement yesterday by the McGowan Government committing \$38.4 million to bolster Western Australia's firefighting capability and capacity if re-elected in March this year.

These announcements are a significant win for the Union on issues that we have been advocating and campaigning for over many years, particularly the achievement of minimum safe crewing levels of 1 Station Officer and 5 Firefighters at our country stations.

The announcement commits 36 additional career firefighters to be permanently stationed at Albany, Geraldton, and Kalgoorlie, and because of this commitment an additional \$1.2 million has also been allocated towards a long overdue expansion and renovation of Kalgoorlie Fire Station to accommodate the additional staff.

Further, \$4 million was committed for new personal protective clothing for firefighters across Western Australia. The current PPC, which is past its end of life and does not comply with current Australian Standards, will be replaced with more advanced light weight garments, which have better materials and design characteristics that will help protect and keep you all safer when doing your job.

Lastly, the McGowan Government has committed \$14.5 million for the construction of a new fire station at Byford. This commitment will also include resourcing of crews and appliances. The career FRS has not had additional fire stations built to keep pace with WA's population growth for some time, this is a great step in the right direction of ensuring governments resource the risks to the communities that you serve.

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These commitments are hugely significant for the Union and were achieved through the hard work of our delegates, members, family, and friends, most recently channelled through our Heroes Support Heroes campaign. We sincerely thank each and every one of our members, and all those who support the Union and have been involved in the campaign.

The campaign has involved several stalls across Western Australia, outreach through our social media platforms, our new [www.heroessupportheroes.com.au](http://www.heroessupportheroes.com.au) website, community members sending in photos and notes of support and media coverage through metro and regional WA. The campaign is still ongoing, with further commitments sought from government, so if you have not got involved to date, now is the time.

It is great to see the membership secure an increase in resources and recognition for the dangerous and difficult work you perform.

Strength in Unity



**Kevin Jolly**  
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