



# Toodyay State Emergency Service



## What does the State Emergency Service do?

State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers play a significant and vital role in helping to ensure their local communities are safe. SES volunteers serve their respective local communities on a voluntary basis by undertaking both operational and non-operational roles.

Toodyay SES volunteers are trained and equipped to carry out a range of activities such as those listed below.

- Responding to natural disasters including:
  - floods
  - cyclones
  - storms
  - bushfire (support)
- Responding to emergencies including:
  - land searches
  - large bushfire events
- Working with the community to prepare for storms and minimise the risk of damage.
- Providing support to other emergencies around the state.



## What volunteer roles are available?

At Toodyay SES volunteers undertake various roles according to their abilities and interests. Members of our Unit are encouraged to participate in skills they are comfortable with.

Every SES Unit may have a different set of volunteer roles, but at the Toodyay SES you could participate in the tasks listed below.



- Community safety and education
- Temporary repairs to buildings and homes
- Map reading and navigation
- Communications
- Search and rescue
- Flood response
- Community Events
- Logistics
- Administration
- Social and digital media
- Unit marketing and public relations.





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## What are the benefits of volunteering?

- Increased knowledge and skills
- Personal satisfaction
- Meet new people
- Helping people in WA during emergencies
- Active involvement in emergency services
- Challenge yourself
- Opportunity to apply your current skills in a new environment



## What will I be doing?

Time commitments vary but a typical range is:

- One training night per fortnight
- On average one weekend every two months
- Attend callouts when you are available.

## Responsibilities include:

- Attending callouts whenever possible
- Maintaining vehicles and equipment
- Correct operation and care of equipment
- Attending unit meetings regularly as your time permits
- Participating in regular training.



## Unit contact information

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## For more information

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State Emergency Service Volunteers Association (SESVA)

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