

Training and Equipment

Each CFU member receives induction training from ACT Fire & Rescue. Regular ongoing skills refresher training is conducted by ACT Fire & Rescue. Each CFU conducts training sessions during the year.

CFU Team members learn basic firefighting skills to help protect their own properties in the event of a fire.

Members will learn about the use of firefighting equipment, how to operate pumps, communications, fire behaviour and fire weather, personal safety, hazard awareness and developing a Bushfire Survival Plan.

A CFU trailer is provided to store all the equipment, and can be moved around to different locations within the CFUs operational area as required.

Once trained, members are issued with a set of personal protective clothing (PPC), including helmet, goggles, gloves, bushfire jacket, pants and boots.



Benefits of joining the CFU

- Work with your neighbours and local community to make your community a safer place.
- Learn skills to better prepare for, and increase your resilience to bushfires and other emergencies.
- Learn about activities that reduce the impact of bushfires on your community.
- Provide extra resources to assist Fire Services during bushfires.
- Help reduce the cost of destructive bushfires on the community.

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ACT FIRE & RESCUE



Community Fire Units

**Do you live in a
Bushfire Prone Area
(BPA)?**



Making your HOUSE,
your STREET,
your COMMUNITY,
a SAFER PLACE



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Do you live in a Bushfire Prone Area?

Across the ACT residents live on the urban interface or edge, close to bushland, nature reserves or parklands. Whilst that provides many benefits such as space, fresh air, wildlife, and views, it also puts those residents under threat from wildfires. This area is identified as the Bushfire Prone Area (BPA) on the urban interface or edge.

Uncontrolled bushfires, whether forest, woodlands or grasslands, pose an immediate threat to properties and people, living on or near the Bushfire Prone Area.

To reduce the impacts from bushfires on life and property ACT Fire & Rescue has developed a program known as the **Community Fire Unit** or “**CFU**” program.



You and your neighbours could benefit from becoming **volunteer Community Fire Unit (CFU) members**.



What is a CFU?

The Community Fire Unit (CFU) program is a community safety initiative, based on the highly successful NSW Fire Brigade CFU Program, operating since 1994.

A CFU is a volunteer team of local residents living in a Bushfire Prone Area on the urban interface, who are trained to safeguard their homes during a bushfire, until ACT Fire & Rescue arrives.

A typical team consists of 8 to 30 members, with an operational and training area encompassing 50 to 80 homes. In the event of a bushfire the CFU team is activated to where needed within their operational area.

The focus is on bushfire **education, prevention, and preparation**.

As a CFU Member you can learn about:

- bushfire behaviour
- fire-safe housekeeping and landscaping practices
- planning and preparation for bush fires
- operating basic firefighting equipment
- pretreat and mop up operations after a fire



Activities Carried Out by CFUs

As part of the CFU team you would participate in:

- Initial and ongoing training sessions with ACT Fire & Rescue
- Preparing and protecting your home and local properties from spot fires, or ember attack in bushfire events, until the arrival of fire services
- Operating basic firefighting equipment to protect your property and your neighbours
- Mopping up and extinguishing spot fires around your homes after a bushfire to allow firefighters to concentrate on moving fire fronts
- Developing a Bushfire Survival Plan for your property
- Engaging with like-minded people in your community

