

Value our Volunteers Photographic Competition

Based on the adage that a “picture is worth a thousand words”, EMA hosted a national “Volunteers in Action” photographic competition as part of the 2005 *Emergency Management Volunteers Summit*. The competition, which catered for photographs taken between July 2003 and January 2005, aimed

to attract a range of photographs depicting volunteers in the course of their emergency activities, in all types of situations.

Of the almost 200 entries received, winners were chosen from two streams – professional photographers and non-professional

photographers who are volunteers belonging to an emergency agency. The selection provided shows the diversity of volunteering activities and its direct contribution to daily lives. Winners and High Commended entrants received vouchers for photographic equipment.



Photographer: Collette Harold

A volunteer comforts a frightened child at an accident scene.



Photographer: Geoff Potter

Grateful thanks to a Coast Guard officer after rescue from a burning yacht off Double Island Point, QLD.

Crews responded to a deliberately lit fire early one summer morning.



Photographer: Ashley Hosking



Photographer: Kevin Withnall

Wollongong City SES in training.



Photographer: Keith Pakenham

A volunteer fire fighter and a Fire Officer working together.



Photographer: Alton C Bond

Emergency Management Training in First Aid, patient care, stretcher handling and moving patient to suitable pick up point for evacuation.



Photographer: Keith Pakenham

CFA fire fighters from Dandenong work to release a trapped man from machinery.



Photographer: Ashley Hosking

Volunteer crews and instructors practice control of large gas fires.

Volunteers from the Shoalhaven Marine Rescue Association joined with the Royal Australian Navy in a recovery exercise in the waters off Crookhaven Heads.



Photographer: Fred Tyler

Top: Crews respond to a single vehicle roll over.
Bottom: An SES volunteer, with a CFS fire fighter as a patient, practice vertical rescue techniques.



Photographer: Ashley Hosking



Photographer: Pip McGowan



Photographer: Keith Pakenham

CFA fire fighters, both volunteer and career, work with teams of Paramedics from the Metropolitan Ambulance Service to release a trapped female.

Below: Two Upper Ferntree Gully members try sand bagging to stop water entering a work site after flash flooding.



Top left: SES volunteers take time away from families to train and perform their duties with care, precision and compassion. Top right: Surf lifesavers practice rescue and resuscitation. Above: Volunteer fire fighters, along with Police and Ambulance officers, undertake joint simulated car crash training exercise.



Kalamunda Bush Fire Brigade volunteers take a break following a six-hour shift fighting the Hills Five, WA.