



Lessons from Canada

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About AFAC

AFAC is the Australian and New Zealand National Council for fire and emergency services.

Working for our members to enable connected and capable emergency management.



AFAC Membership

Our members support Australian and New Zealand communities through mitigation and response phases of emergency management and the transition to recovery.

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Members

21

Affiliates

Land
managers

Emergency
services

Multi-hazard

Surf
Lifesaving

Urban fire
and rescue

Bushfire

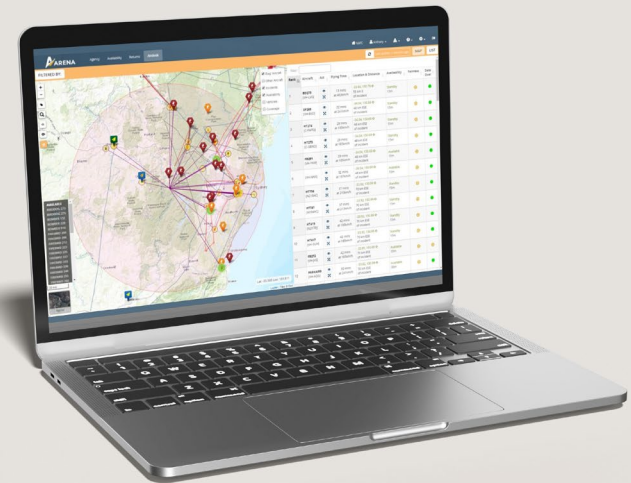
Supporting operations



Australasian Interagency Incident Management System



Emergency Management Professionalisation Scheme



ARENA – aerial firefighting dispatch software



AFAC National Resource Sharing Centre

- The National Resource Sharing Centre (NRSC) is the operational arm of AFAC
- Operates on behalf of the Commissioners and Chief Officers Strategic Committee (CCOSC)
- NRSC formed in 2016
- NRSC is responsible for coordinating resource-sharing for interstate and NZ
- Coordinates North American Continent (US and CAN) wildfire deployments
- First international deployment in 2000. Australia sent 96 people to the US



What the numbers show

SINCE 2000

13 Seasons deployed to North America **8** times to the US
8 times to Canada

2,295 Total deployed personnel
About **1,000** of those in the last **2** years

PREVIOUS LARGEST DEPLOYMENTS

235 to Canada (2017) **140** to US and **94** to Canada (2018)

CURRENT LARGEST DEPLOYMENTS

746 to Canada (2023) **71** to US and **312** to Canada (2024)

Deployments are becoming more frequent

What do we learn

Shared experience
Shared stories



New methods and ways of
conducting our business



“Why do you do it that way?”



What do we learn



What are the changing patterns?

What are the wellbeing impacts for our people and our communities?



How do we build resilient communities?

How do we prepare our communities?



How long can we keep doing this for?

Fire season length, scale, intensity....

Learn more



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