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Boost in professional firefighters for regional Queensland

The sixty-two extra professional firefighter placements announced today by the Premier will make a significant impact right across regional areas of Queensland.

These firefighters will be trained in all aspects of Fire and Rescue and they will go a long way to supporting Queenslanders when they, their families or their property are at risk.

General Secretary of the Firefighters' Union John Oliver stated,

'There is potential for significant weather events this and every year and all indications are that extreme weather events are likely to increase in frequency and intensity.'

These new firefighters will hit the ground running, towards the flames or into floodwaters, rescuing Queenslanders in need every day and night of the year.

We welcome them into our firefighting family.

Lives will be saved and property will be protected with this boost of professional firefighters!

Given there is a funded commitment for 100 professional firefighters in total, we expect there to be further announcements in the near future. We anticipate the remainder to be spread across regional Queensland in line with stations and communities most at need.'

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