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SES hunt for volunteers

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THE Northshore State Emergency Service (SES) is on the hunt for more manpower as volunteer numbers hit a critical low. Deputy unit manager Nick Elliott said that while the winter storm season was nearly over, the unit was desperate for new helpers.

"We are currently suffering, just like many other

volunteer organisations," Mr Elliott said. Meanwhile, residents are encouraged to wear orange this Wednesday to show support for the state's 2000 volunteers as part of SES Week.

Fire and Emergency Services Authority chief executive officer Jo Harrison-Ward said the week was an opportunity to ensure SES volunteers stood out to their colleagues and wider community.

"It is possible that you may not realise that some

of your co-workers, friends, neighbours or acquaintances may be SES volunteers," she said.

SES volunteers attended several major incidents this year, including a mini tornado in Rockingham and Waikiki and tropical cyclone George that hit Port Headland in May. The SES unit trains Wednesday nights with new member tours on the first Wednesday of the month.

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