



## BULLETIN

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**TO ALL UFUA MEMBERS**

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### **19 FIREFIGHTERS REPORTEDLY PERISH IN ARIZONA WILDFIRE**

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Only one firefighter out of a crew of 20 has been located following a fast-moving wildfire in Arizona, USA.

Authorities have reported 19 firefighters have perished while battling the wildfire north west of Phoenix. Emergency services have been told to prepare for injured residents and other injured firefighters from throughout the Peoples Valley area.

The United Firefighters Union of Australia is sending a message of sympathy and support through the IAFF to the surviving firefighters, those injured and to the families of those that have perished.

These brave firefighters have paid the ultimate sacrifice in protecting their community. Our thoughts are with their serving brothers and sisters, and the families and friends.

No doubt this greatly affects the townships in the area and affect the firefighting community world-wide.

We commend the firefighters who are continuing to battle the widespread fire despite the knowledge that almost a whole brigade has perished.

The town of Yarnell has been evacuated and parts of state highways have been closed as a result of the fire which started on Friday and reportedly covers more than 800 hectares.

**Strength in Unity**

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*Authorised by National Secretary Peter Marshall*