



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE AT A GLANCE

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

AS AT 30 JUNE 2017

The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) is the world's largest volunteer fire service.

Our members provide fire and emergency services to approximately 95% of NSW.

NSW RFS members attend a range of incidents and activities including

- > Bush and grass fires
- > House and structure fires
- > Storm damage
- > Search and rescue
- > Motor vehicle accidents
- > Community education
- > Bush fire mitigation

The responsibilities of the NSW RFS are set out under the Rural Fires Act 1997

Our Vision and Mission

To provide a world standard of excellence in the provision of a community-based fire and emergency service.

To protect the community and our environment we will minimise the impact of fire and other emergencies by providing the highest standards of training, community education, prevention and operational capability.

Our Values

- > mutual respect
- > adaptability and resourcefulness
- > one team, many players, one purpose
- > integrity and trust
- > support, friendship, camaraderie
- > community and environment
- > knowledge and learning

Our members

Total volunteers	73,223
Total staff (FTE)	878

Approximately 70% of NSW RFS staff are, or have been, a NSW RFS volunteer.

Our organisation

Brigades	2,021
Local Government Areas	105
NSW Districts	45
Regional Offices	4
Headquarters	1

The incidents we attend

Incidents	2016/17
Bush and grass fires attended by NSW RFS	8,288
Structural fires	1,159
Motor vehicle fires	1,868
Motor vehicle accidents	4,599
Investigation	3,817
Refuse fires	519
Spillages	843
Assist other agencies	1,250
Flood	78
Other	2,161
Total	24,582