



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE AT A GLANCE

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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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:

- > 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

Funding

The 2015/16 total expenses budget for the NSW RFS was \$361.6m.

Funding of the NSW RFS is made up of contributions from the insurance industry (73.7%), NSW Government (14.6%) and Local Government (11.7%).

Our Members

Total Volunteers	73,162
Total Staff	855

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



Our Organisation

Brigades	2,029
Rural Fire Districts	125
Districts/Zones/Teams	47
Regional Offices	4
Headquarters	1

Our Membership

Region North	13,305
Region South	21,706
Region East	23,120
Region West	15,413
Total Volunteers	73,162

Membership Trends

2011/2012	70,246
2012/2013	71,976
2013/2014	73,746
2014/2015	74,516
2015/2016	73,162

The incidents we attend

	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13
Bush/grass fires	7,686	7,837	8,032	7,474
Structural fires	1,166	1,264	1,090	957
Vehicle fires	1,808	1,633	1,535	1,638
Motor vehicle accidents	4,562	4,236	3,909	3,881
Investigation	3,654	3,512	2,302	1,777
Controlled burns	2,502**	1,960**	2,664	1,088
Refuse fires	548	652	634	608
Spillage	822	776	590	214
Assist other agencies	1,085	917	547	258
Flood	97	76	115	22
Other	2,092	2,245	1,957	4,410
Total	23,520	23,148	23,375	23,436

**Controlled burns refer to all hazard reduction and pile burns.

Spillage includes oil spills, gas leaks and all other spills.



The information contained in this fact sheet is current as at 30 June 2016.
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