

MEDIA RELEASE



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Statement - David Black

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The pilot killed during firefighting operations on the NSW South Coast last week has been honoured with a posthumous award for his work in protecting the community.

David Black died when his plane crashed west of Ulladulla.

David's family has today been presented with the NSW Rural Fire Service Commissioner's Commendation for Service.

"While David was not a member of the NSW RFS, he was a part of the NSW RFS family," Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons said.

"David's death was tragic, and has affected the RFS family deeply.

"David will forever be remembered by the NSW Rural Fire Service not only as a successful businessman and an accomplished pilot, but also as a well respected member of the fire fighting community who lost his life while serving and protecting others.

"His professionalism and courage will never be forgotten.

"Our thoughts continue to be with David's wife and three young children," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

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