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NSW RFS STATE CHAMPIONS RECEIVE THEIR PRIZE

The exceptional performance of the Orana Composite Team in the 2016 NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) State Championships was celebrated yesterday with the official handover of the major prize, a new community support vehicle for the Orana District.

Minister for Emergency Services and Member for Dubbo Troy Grant congratulated the volunteers on their victory in the Championships and the newest addition to the District.

“Gilbert & Roach Huntingwood, along with Isuzu Trucks have generously provided this Isuzu D-Max vehicle which will be put to good use right across the region,” Mr Grant said.

“The D-Max will assist volunteer firefighters carry out the important work they do in protecting their local communities from fire.”

The Orana Composite Team defended their title from 2014 and were crowned State Champions after competing against 200 fellow members in a range of challenging, real-life scenarios.

“Volunteers competed in a series of simulated emergency situations where their skills and equipment were put to the test,” Mr Grant said.

“With scenarios ranging from simulated motor vehicle accidents, navigation and helicopter water drops, to bush, grass and structure fires, the Orana Composite Team demonstrated their training, dedication and professionalism.”

SW RFS Regional Manager Paul Smith said the NSW RFS State Championships are held every two years in various locations across NSW.

“After each Championship the Isuzu D-Max is awarded to the winners’ District for use during their two year reign,” Mr Smith said.

“The 2016 NSW RFS State Championships were held last September at Narabri, with the Orana Composite Team now getting ready to fight for the honours once more in Temora, the next location for the State Championships in 2018.”