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POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL HONOURED IN QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Deputy Premier and Minister for Police Troy Grant and Emergency Services Minister David Elliott have today congratulated 22 Police and Emergency Service personnel honoured as part of the Queen's Birthday celebrations.

Eight Police officers have been awarded the Australian Police Medal, ten Rural Fire Service members and Fire and Rescue personnel have been awarded the Australian Fire Services Medal, while four others from the State Emergency Service and Marine Rescue NSW received the Emergency Services Medal.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Police Troy Grant said the men and women have proven their dedication to our communities, from general duties through to specialised fields.

"These 22 individuals whether volunteers or paid officers show acts of selflessness and commitment to the people of this state every day, and today is recognition of their tireless work," Mr Grant said.

"None of these people go into their profession or volunteering for the awards and accolades but it is important to acknowledge the enormous contribution they make to our safety and wellbeing.

"These are the men and women who often risk their own lives to protect others and I'm extremely proud of them today."

Emergency Services Minister David Elliott said many of these people have given up time with their families to protect others.

"These medals recognise the hard work and dedication these men and women show while performing their duties every day," Mr Elliott said.

"Whether they are responding to floods, fires, road accidents or rescue operations, our emergency service personnel are among the best in the world.

"The response by Police and emergency service workers during the recent East Coast Low reminded us of the bravery and resilience they show every day. The Government and communities across NSW are very grateful."

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