



NSW Rural Fire Service members head to Glen Innes

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Glen Innes Showground will be home to around 450 NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) members for the next three days, as volunteers and staff from across the state gather for a major training exercise.

NSW RFS Region North Manager Superintendent Brett Condie said that these field exercises are an essential part of the preparation and coordination in place to assist Service Members protect communities across NSW.

“This exercise allows RFS members from brigades across NSW to meet and share their expertise while experiencing first hand the wide range of specialist knowledge that comes with being in the Service.”

Superintendent Condie said the Exercise will see crews put through their paces in a variety of real-life scenarios.

“The training this weekend will feature typical incidents that the NSW RFS attends when protecting the community.

“This includes responding to various types of fires, motor vehicle accident response, LPG safety, working with aircraft, airbase operator and electrical safety.”

“This exercise will demonstrate the diverse nature of our work and the many skills required to be an RFS volunteer.

“Workshops will also be held for the field commanders attending the weekend to ensure that they are prepared for leading up to five heavy fire trucks and 30 crew members into a variety of challenging situations”

“Throughout the weekend we’ll be including representatives from other agencies such as Queensland Fire and Rescue and Country Energy to add authenticity as fighting fires involves a coordinated effort from a range of organisations,” said Superintendent Condie.

Workshops begin on Friday morning, with the main exercise being run across Saturday and Sunday at various locations around Glen Innes.

Photos and videos of the event will be available by contacting NSW RFS Media on 9898 1855.