



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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### Chifley/Lithgow District cadets to celebrate graduation

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Thirty-Two students from the Chifley/Lithgow District area will be congratulated today by NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) District Manager Inspector Mick Holland for their successful completion of the NSW RFS Secondary School Cadet Program.

A Championship tournament will be held at Oberon High School this morning to showcase their newly acquired skills, followed by a special ceremony to praise the future firefighters.

Inspector Holland said the cadet program is the ideal way to introduce young people to the important role volunteer firefighters play within communities.

"These cadets have completed the 10 week course that has given them skills which will last a lifetime," Inspector Holland said.

Inspector Holland said as well as examining fire behaviour, the students have been taught essential fire safety techniques and gained an appreciation of the work our emergency services do every day in this state.

"The cadet program also offers students the opportunity to experience firsthand the commitment and camaraderie that comes with volunteering," Inspector Holland said.

Inspector Holland said 11 students from All Saints College Bathurst, 10 students from Carenne School in Bathurst and 11 The Scots School students took part in this year's program.

"It's great to see genuine enthusiasm for this important community based program," Inspector Holland said.

"In addition to our NSW RFS members, I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Principals and staff from all schools involved, for helping to make this program such a success."

Inspector Holland also paid tribute to the volunteers and staff from the Chifley/Lithgow District who facilitated the course.

"NSW RFS members thoroughly enjoy working closely with schools and communities to ensure that everyone is as well prepared as possible for the very real threat of fire. Firefighters cannot do it alone," Inspector Holland said.

"The Service is proud to pass on the ideals of community service, dedication and teamwork to the next generation."



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