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## NEW FIRE TRUCKS IMPROVE SAFETY FOR CENTRAL COAST

The Central Coast will be better protected after the official handover of four new fire trucks for Ourimbah, Wadalba, Awaba and Killcare/Wagstaff Rural Fire Brigades.

Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott MP joined Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Adam Crouch MP and NSW Rural Fire Service District Manager, Superintendent Viki Campbell, at the Charmhaven Fire Control Centre to officially hand over the new tankers.

Minister Elliott said the new tankers, collectively worth more than \$720,000, would enable these brigades to strengthen their firefighting efforts across their communities.

"These new tankers will assist volunteers in these four busy brigades to provide an even greater level of fire protection to their local communities," Mr Elliott said.

"These vehicles have been delivered as part of a record investment into the NSW RFS and the ongoing investment in new vehicles, to ensure members have access to modern firefighting technology when responding to fires and other incidents."

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Adam Crouch said he was proud of the local volunteers who work tirelessly to save lives and property.

"The new fire trucks have come just at the right time, with good growth across the region, we could be in for late fire season," Mr Crouch said.

"While the previous tankers have served these firefighters well, I am confident the new state-of-the-art vehicles will prove to be invaluable to these hard working brigades."

Superintendent Campbell said the NSW RFS is committed to ensuring volunteer firefighters have the equipment they need to carry out the important work they do.

"These new trucks will better equip volunteers to respond to a range of emergencies, including bush and grass fires, structure fires, along with motor vehicle accidents," Superintendent Campbell said.

"The efforts of our volunteers do not go unnoticed, and this new equipment will support the brigades to continue their outstanding work,"

"These men and women remain on-hand 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and we should be extremely proud and grateful for their contribution. In particular, considering the magnitude of last season, I would like to congratulate everybody on their ongoing hard work and professionalism."