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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

NSW RFS members on show at Mardi Gras

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Dozens of NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) volunteers from across the state will participate in this year's Mardi Gras Parade through the streets of Sydney.

NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons said more than 70 people and two fire trucks will be representing the Service.

"The NSW RFS is a reflection of our community and our presence at the parade will highlight the varied and diverse nature of our 70,000 committed and hard-working men and women," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

"This is an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of our country and our Service.

"Many of our people will be marching in support of friends and family and some have travelled from regional areas across the state to take part in the celebration."

Commissioner Fitzsimmons said this is the fifth year that NSW RFS members have been represented in the parade.

"The event provides an opportunity to the people of NSW to recognise the efforts of our people, and all of the emergency services, who are ready to protect the community every day of the year.

"Each year, the crowd is very grateful of the work of our members and the reception they receive is enormously encouraging for our members.

"The night also provides an opportunity for our members to spread the word about fire safety."

NSW RFS participants will be gathering in College Street near the Sydney Marriott from 5.30pm.

For media interviews or photographs, please contact the NSW RFS State Duty Media Officer on (02) 9898 1855.