



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

MEDIA STATEMENT

9 October 2020

The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) confirms the death of a volunteer firefighter at Hill End in the Central West region.

Jim Shanahan, a member of the Hill End Rural Fire Brigade, had returned to the station after attending a vehicle fire in Hill End when he suffered a suspected heart attack early this morning.

Fellow volunteers provided initial medical assistance including the use of an Automated External Defibrillator.

They were supported by NSW SES members, NSW Police officers and NSW Ambulance paramedics, however tragically Jim passed away.

NSW RFS Commissioner Rob Rogers said the Service's condolences are with Jim's family and friends, fellow crew, brigade members and the Hill End community.

"We are offering every assistance possible to Jim's family and fellow members," Commissioner Rogers said.

"We will continue to offer whatever help is required."

No further details are available at this stage while NSW RFS personnel work with Service members and the member's family.



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