



## Latest technology hits the road for testing

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The latest in fire truck technology will be put through its paces by volunteers and staff from the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) in Mogo this week.

There will be seven different trucks tested valued between \$100,000 and \$350,000 each, ranging from small two seater fire trucks through to large six wheel bulk tankers.

These state-of-the-art trucks boast some of the latest firefighting technology including remote controlled water cannons. They will be put through a number of exercises to test their capabilities in areas such as pumping, off road use and four wheel driving.

Seven new fire trucks will drive in convoy from Sydney to Mogo today. They will undergo rigorous testing over the next three days before being accepted into the RFS' ranks Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald said.

"The tests simulate pumping water from different sources such as dams, pools and residential areas and off road use to ensure vehicles can withstand rugged terrain.

"The tests will also ensure the trucks well designed so firefighters can use and operate them safely and easily," said Assistant Commissioner McDonald.

"The NSW RFS continues to embrace new technology in the design and build of new fire trucks to ensure we are delivering the best possible equipment for our members and the communities they serve.

"This process will ensure these vehicles are put through their paces and meet all the essential requirements before being deployed to fire stations across the state," said Assistant Commissioner McDonald.

Local firefighters from the Eurobodalla area will be on hand to assist with the testing of these trucks and provide feedback. These trucks are designed and built with consultation from firefighters who use them to respond to all kinds of emergencies once they are in service.

The NSW RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the latest equipment they need to carry out the important work they do in protecting their local communities from fires and other natural disasters.

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