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FIRIES OPEN DOORS TO THE COMMUNITY

Hundreds of fire stations across the state will open their doors to the community this coming Saturday for Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) Open Day, inviting people to learn more about Australia's largest urban fire and rescue service.

Member for Hawkesbury Robyn Preston said the Open Day will be a chance for locals to gain a better understanding of the work firefighters do every day to protect the community.

"We will see families across Hawkesbury head down to their local fire station to have a chat to their local firefighters, learn how to be fire-safe, and say thank you for their bravery."

A range of free activities will be on display, including firefighting demonstrations, station tours and safety presentations.

Families have the opportunity to get up close with firefighters, firetrucks and special equipment while learning about the critical work they do to protect the community.

Minister for Emergency Services David Elliott said the Open Day will be a chance to thank their local firies for their commitment to protecting life and property.

"The brave men and women of Fire and Rescue NSW put their lives on the line to keep the community safe," Mr Elliott said.

"Open Day is an oportune time to thank these heroes for the work they do every day."

FRNSW Commissioner Paul Baxter said the Open Day will be an opportunity to show people that FRNSW firefighters do so much more than fight fires.

"Our firefighters do fight fires and save people from burning buildings, but our mission and capabilities extend far beyond fire response," he said.

"Open Day is a great time to talk to experts about home fire safety in the lead up to winter. We see a 10% increase in the number of home fires during the winter months, with more fires starting in bedrooms and lounge rooms due to things like heaters and electric blankets."



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