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LOCAL POLLIE BECOMES A FIREFIGHTER FOR A DAY

Local Members of Parliament across the State have been put through their paces by firefighters, undertaking 'Firefighter for a Day' training at the state-of-the-art Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) Emergency Services Academy.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP spent a day at FRNSW's new academy in Orchard Hills experiencing a range of FRNSW's capabilities and learning firsthand what it is like to be a firefighter.

The training involved putting out fires, fitting a breathing apparatus, vehicle extrication, and undertaking a search and rescue operation within a simulated building collapse

Ms Preston said the training was an eye-opening look into just how diverse and challenging the job of a modern-day firefighter is.

"Experiencing firsthand the type and variety of work NSW firefighters undertake on a daily basis makes me even more proud to have such a large firefighting community in the Hawkesbury area," Ms Preston said.

"Firefighting is one of the most demanding and important jobs you can do, and we are lucky to have the best-trained firefighters in the world on the frontline keeping us safe."

Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott said the Firefighter for a Day training was a fantastic opportunity for Members of Parliament to gain a new perspective and find out what NSW firefighters go through to keep the community safe.

"FRNSW is the busiest fire department in the Southern Hemisphere, with more than 7000 firefighters stationed at 335 locations across NSW," Mr Elliott said.

"In the last financial year alone, FRNSW responded to more than 8000 structure fires, 2505 HAZMAT incidents, 8759 calls for medical assistance, and almost 24,000 motor vehicle crashes and rescues.

"FRNSW do so much more than fight fires. The day-to-day job of a firefighter is more diverse than ever. The dedicated men and women of FRNSW increasingly focus on prevention and education, rescue, HAZMAT, medical emergencies, natural disaster and humanitarian relief."

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