



Commissioner's Orders

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HONOURS

Commissioner's Individual Commendation for Courageous Action

For actions at a house fire - Hollywood Crescent Willoughby on 18 November 2023:

7325 Station Officer Troy STOCKWELL

Commissioner's Individual Commendation for Meritorious Service

For actions at a house fire rescue - Fairfield Heights on 21 Dec 2024:

8418 Station Officer Derek STRATTON

907029 Qualified Firefighter Michael STIPANOVIC

Commissioner's Unit Commendation for Meritorious Service

For actions during the 2019-2020 bushfires - Quaama on 31 December 2019

219018 Captain Eric HANSCOMBE (Ret'd)
219029 Deputy Captain Jai HEFFERNAN (Ret'd)
521366 Deputy Captain Christopher THOMAS (Ret'd)
219010 Firefighter Ernest VINECOMBE (Ret'd)
219026 Firefighter Gregory GOTTAAS (Ret'd)
488016 Firefighter Paul NOLAN (Ret'd)
900431 Firefighter Peter GEORGE (Ret'd)
901475 Firefighter Justin MARKS
901506 Firefighter Trent SMITH (Ret'd)
904614 Firefighter Benjamin HANSCOMBE (Ret'd)
905404 Firefighter Trent GALLI (Ret'd)
905523 Firefighter Cael KELLY (Ret'd)
906337 Firefighter Michael BARNDEN (Ret'd)
906446 Firefighter Ebony DOWTON (Ret'd)
906522 Firefighter Steven SCRIVENS (Ret'd)

For actions at a structure fire rescue - North Paramatta on 21 February 2024

7225 Station Officer Vincent PELLIGRA
8445 Station Officer Jayson SHARMAN
521364 Station Officer Tara BURTON
7472 Senior Firefighter Martin BAUM

7797 Senior Firefighter Peter GROSE
8687 Senior Firefighter Romeo AYOUB
8925 Senior Firefighter Nathan NAPPER
9442 Senior Firefighter Craig GUSTARD
901447 Senior Firefighter Warwick MATTHEWS
906306 Senior Firefighter Mitchell BLAKE
906317 Senior Firefighter Matthew SPRINGALL
906311 Qualified Firefighter Cody EDWARDS
907492 Qualified Firefighter Michelle MCCALL
909178 Qualified Firefighter Jessica PARKER
909573 Firefighter Brodie HUGHES

For actions at a unit fire rescue - Merrylands on 16 January 2025

7545 Station Officer Adam SMITH
7584 Station Officer John BOLWELL
8249 Station Officer Sean NUGENT
445045 Station Officer Darryn MOALEM
8978 Senior Firefighter Dianne MCDONALD
9082 Senior Firefighter Graham CLEARY
900722 Senior Firefighter Daniel RIZZO
901447 Senior Firefighter Warwick MATTHEWS
902616 Senior Firefighter Shaun GERBER
904577 Senior Firefighter Mark HINTON
904709 Senior Firefighter Reese TOASE
904788 Senior Firefighter Craig MARTIN
908694 Qualified Firefighter Dianna HALL
909026 Qualified Firefighter Joel CROWTHER
909101 Qualified Firefighter Haydn LANGDON
909414 Firefighter Joel ROBERTS
909889 Firefighter Patrick CRANE
910184 Firefighter Oli WILSON

For actions at a persons trapped rescue - Katoomba on 19 July 2019

6122 Inspector Bruce CAMERON (Ret'd)
5864 Station Officer Ian SARGENT (Ret'd)
6970 Station Officer Thomas MARTIN (Ret'd)
7057 Station Officer Mark LUTHERBORROW (Ret'd)

8361 Station Officer Wesley HAYNES
9301 Station Officer Heather SUTTON
7612 Senior Firefighter John MARTIN
8018 Senior Firefighter Peter CHRISTOF
8610 Senior Firefighter Mark LINSLEY
901263 Senior Firefighter Michael KELLY
903463 Senior Firefighter Hayden FIELD
904286 Senior Firefighter Tegan CHANDLER
906007 Senior Firefighter Clint EGAN
522095 Qualified Firefighter Peter HYSSETT
343030 Deputy Captain Paul FIELD (Ret'd)
901079 Deputy Captain Mark HAWLING
343037 Firefighter Michael HILLIER
521435 Firefighter Jeffrey KRYGER
522344 Firefighter Matthew HICKEY
903425 Firefighter Christopher HAMILTON (Ret'd)
903824 Firefighter Conor HYSSETT
904753 Firefighter Gavin CLIFTON
905703 Firefighter James WILSON (Ret'd)
906072 Firefighter Michael SAUNDERS (Ret'd)
906348 Firefighter Nathaniel BAKER

For actions at motor vehicle accident and knife attack - Engadine on 25 August 2024

8208 Inspector Bryce JONAS
9151 Station Officer Mark SKUSE
9353 Station Officer Brett LEE
7172 Senior Firefighter Trevor LOVEDAY
8476 Senior Firefighter Mark MAY
900071 Senior Firefighter Jeremy MOORS
901040 Senior Firefighter Kirby MOWBRAY
901875 Senior Firefighter Lindsay BLACK
907138 Qualified Firefighter Nicholas O'CONNOR

Commissioner's Resuscitation Award

For resuscitation actions - Auburn on 19 November 2024

6819 Station Officer Kevin O'CONNOR (Ret'd)

904507 Senior Firefighter Brendan HUNT

For resuscitation actions at a building fire - Wetherill Park on 7 July 2025

8173 Station Officer Barry O'REGAN

900259 Senior Firefighter Colin GREEN

908581 Qualified Firefighter Brooke GRIGGS

909739 Qualified Firefighter Jeremy HUK

Commissioner's Certificate of Appreciation

For actions at a shooting - Castlereagh Street Sydney on 28 February 2024

7010 Superintendent Gregory HOUSTON AFSM

7676 Superintendent Grant RICE

901456 Station Officer Jack DENNARD

9313 Senior Firefighter Christopher OWSNETT

900806 Senior Firefighter Michael UNICOMB

907137 Qualified Firefighter Mitchell MCLEAN

907489 Qualified Firefighter Brook HUTCHINSON

908189 Qualified Firefighter Matthew JOHNSTONE

908264 Qualified Firefighter Joshua BELL

Commissioner's Letter of Appreciation

For her communication with 2 young children during a house fire - St Huberts Island on 2 July 2024

903329 Senior Firefighter Kaitlyn MATUSCHKA

For actions at a house fire - Dural on 24 Apr 2012

9422 Senior Firefighter Mathew CROTTY

For actions at a persons trapped rescue - Kings Park on 08 February 2019

6569 Superintendent Nicholas FERRANTE

7926 Superintendent Ross GENDERS

6353 Inspector David TAYLOR (Ret'd)

8104 Station Officer Matthew BLATTMAN

8962 Station Officer Brett THORNTON

9451 Station Officer Jason RICKWOOD

8621 Senior Firefighter Jose CARABALLO

8714 Senior Firefighter David SIMONIAN
8896 Senior Firefighter John FIELD (Ret'd)
9124 Senior Firefighter Glen BOWES
9261 Station Officer Peter DARROCH
9397 Senior Firefighter Sean POWELL
901770 Senior Firefighter Aydan CHODKIEWICZ
902615 Senior Firefighter Ross BOTTLE
904252 Senior Firefighter Todd KERR
904780 Senior Firefighter Benjamin FITZSIMMONS

For actions at a structure fire rescue - Oxford Street Epping on 30 July 2025

6056 Station Officer Kevin CONROY
8353 Station Officer Heath LANGDON
8511 Station Officer Justin FEDERER
9376 Station Officer Brett SPEARS
6478 Senior Firefighter Maxwell GALE
7355 Senior Firefighter Glen DUNCOMBE
7699 Senior Firefighter Bernard WALSH
900327 Senior Firefighter Martin CARE-WICKHAM
904691 Senior Firefighter Jye DOYLE
905935 Senior Firefighter Ashleigh WILSON
906677 Senior Firefighter Mary MCGRATH
904938 Qualified Firefighter Brad JENNER
907633 Qualified Firefighter Elizabeth ROBB
909316 Qualified Firefighter Ashden LARKHAM

In recognition of their work on the in-water rescue capability uplift from 2022–2024

8826 Inspector James BOLAND
7934 Leading Station Officer Darren LYDOM
7686 Station Officer Shannon CROFTON
7620 Station Officer Anthony WALLGATE
9034 Station Officer Simon KING
9160 Station Officer Rodney WELLINGTON
901900 Station Officer Erin POGMORE
904784 Leading Firefighter Patrick KING
7979 Senior Firefighter Michael BANISTER
8822 Senior Firefighter Benjamin DALTON

9260 Senior Firefighter Gerrard COLLINS
235026 Qualified Firefighter Max DUNCAN
904534 Catareeya KIJKLA
906809 Annie BUBALO

Commissioner's Award for Excellence

Individual Firefighter

521488 Senior Firefighter Peter MARTIN

Individual Administration

906564 Natashja HEMING
904640 Gurminder Singh SAINI

Individual Trade

28292 Craig ARMSTRONG

Team Firefighters

7576 Superintendent Gregory WRIGHT
8241 Superintendent Nicholas CHUBB
7276 Inspector Anthony STEELE
9109 Inspector David JORDAN
7369 Station Officer Douglas MCPHERSON
7662 Station Officer Garry MITCHELL (Ret'd)
7831 Station Officer Andrew O'NEILL
9190 Station Officer Michael NGUYEN
900719 Station Officer Michael FROST
904990 Senior Firefighter Tracy PITRANS
7422 Senior Firefighter Ian LOVEDAY
7491 Senior Firefighter David WILSON
7287 Senior Firefighter Ian LEVITT
8026 Senior Firefighter David SMITH
8301 Senior Firefighter Vanessa OSBURG
8878 Senior Firefighter Eddie VAYSBACH
521173 Senior Firefighter Kimberly BROWN
900455 Senior Firefighter Daniel O'CONNOR
906941 Senior Firefighter Vanessa BRADDON

30021 Paul BEYLERIAN

907926 Jerry XIE

Team Administration

902201 Brian LIN

904596 Andrew WIBAWA

900000 Yvonne COOPER

906204 Melanie HAINES

910548 Alexander LAM

908153 Vivian KHOO

903384 Ariel YANG

902507 Neil FERNANDEZ

FIREFIGHTER NOTICES

Vacancies

All current firefighter vacancies may be accessed via the [Internal Jobs Board](#) and applications must be completed online by following the links provided. For any technical assistance in submitting your application please contact the Talent Acquisition Team at recruitment@fire.nsw.gov.au.

Online applications must include a brief cover letter, resume and address the two targeted questions.

IFARES Coordinator (Non-Station Based Team Member) (Indigenous Identified)

Applications are invited from Indigenous firefighters who attained the rank of Station Officer, Leading Firefighter, Senior Firefighter, or Qualified Firefighter with a minimum of twenty-four (24) months service at the rank of Qualified Firefighter as of the closing date of applications, for the position of IFARES Coordinator (Non-Station Based Team Member), People and Culture Directorate.

Successful applicants holding the rank of Leading Firefighter or Senior Firefighter with a valid Pre-Qualifying Assessment (PQA) and have completed 8 years total service as a permanent firefighter with FRNSW as at the closing date of applications will be offered a promotional pathway as per 49.4.11.1 of the Crown Employees (FRNSW Permanent Firefighting Staff) Award 2024.

Inquiries: *Michelle Smith, Manager Organisational Development, on 0477 721 142.*

Closing date: *11 November 2026*

PageUp reference: *495079*

Job board link: [PageUp Internal Jobs Board](#)

Hazmat Capability Team Member (Non-Station Based Team Member)

Applications are invited from firefighters who attained the rank of Station Officer, Leading Firefighter, Senior Firefighter or Qualified Firefighter with a minimum of twenty-four (24) months service at the rank of Qualified Firefighter as of the closing date of applications for the position of Hazmat Capability Team Member (Non-Station Based Team Member}, Strategic Capability.

Successful applicant holding the rank of Leading Firefighter or Senior Firefighter with a valid Pre-Qualifying Assessment (PQA) and have completed 8 years total service as a permanent firefighter with FRNSW at the closing date of applications will be offered a promotional pathway as per 49.4.11.1 of the Crown Employees (FRNSW Permanent Firefighting Staff) Award 2024

Inquiries: *Leading Station Officer Robert Ferguson, Team Leader Hazmat & Counter Terrorism on 0439 292 773*

Closing Date: *11 November 2026*

PageUp Reference: *495113*

Job board link: [PageUp Internal Jobs Board](#)

Operator Communication Centre (Newcastle)

Applications are invited from Permanent Firefighters who hold the rank of Qualified Firefighter, Senior Firefighter or Leading Firefighter for the position of Operator Communication Centre (Newcastle, Operational Communication) and are stationed within the Newcastle Transfer area (pursuant to 28.6.1 of the Crown Employees (FRNSW Permanent Firefighting Staff) Award 2024. This is a first-round advertisement of this position.

Inquiries: *Inspector Chris Gates, Team Leader Operational Communication Training on 0429 407 268.*

Closing Date: *28 October 2026*

PageUp Reference: *495098*

Job board link: [PageUp Internal Jobs Board](#)

Station Officer 305 Goulburn, RS2

Applications are invited from firefighters holding the rank of Station Officer, Leading Station Officer, Leading Firefighter and Senior Firefighters with a valid Pre-Qualifying Assessment (PQA) and have completed 8 years total service as a permanent firefighter with FRNSW, as of the closing date for applications for the position of Station Officer, 305 Goulburn, RS2. This is a second-round advertisement for this position.

Inquiries: Superintendent Dean Campbell, Zone Commander RS2 on
0418 508 121

Closing Date: 28 October 2026

PageUp Reference: 495016

Job board link: [PageUp Internal Jobs Board](#)

Appointments

Service No.	Name	Position	Effective date
9128	D Philippe	Zone Commander RW1	17 September 2026
521170	C Spencer	Station Officer 238 Broken Hill	16 September 2026

Promotions

Inspector to Superintendent

9128	D Philippe	17 September 2026
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Leading Firefighter to Station Officer

9099	M Lynch	26 July 2026
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Qualified Firefighter to Senior Firefighter

Class 08

521240	T Farlow	29 May 2026
902570	C Towe	03 September 2026
905535	B Garland	29 July 2026
907129	M Chapman	05 June 2026
907209	K Nowland	25 May 2026
907442	K Turner	14 September 2026
907432	B Barden	14 September 2026

907433	M Candy	14 September 2026
907434	P Jones	14 September 2026
907435	J Krajcik	14 September 2026
910907	L Devoy	05 June 2026

Firefighter to Qualified Firefighter

907908	M Lyons	11 September 2026
908580	H Denny	25 July 2026
908643	C Salthouse	11 October 2026
908883	L Downie	25 July 2026
909784	C Dawson	06 September 2026
910201	A Hill	18 September 2026
910474	D Garcia Couto	05 February 2027
910539	Z Stanley	05 March 2027

Amendment to CO 2026/18

910777	S Lamb	13 September 2026
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Recruit Firefighter to Firefighter

Class 13

901532	J Croft	17 September 2026
909043	J Bullen	17 September 2026
909421	C Daniels	17 September 2026
910628	M Moffat	17 September 2026
911719	J Boozer	17 September 2026
911720	A Pozzer	17 September 2026
911722	R Carroll	17 September 2026
911726	D Eyles	17 September 2026
911746	T Dunne	17 September 2026
911753	J Foss	17 September 2026
911756	D New	17 September 2026
911761	M Laurie	17 September 2026
911762	N Stevenson	17 September 2026
911763	C Weidle	17 September 2026

911764	K Carroll	17 September 2026
911768	J Small	17 September 2026
911769	T Brown	17 September 2026
911770	M Butler	17 September 2026
911773	D Cooper	17 September 2026
911774	R Burstal	17 September 2026

New members appointed to Brigades

912062	C Liplyn	Branxton	07 September 2026
912067	B Saga-Haller	Branxton	09 September 2026
912063	G Tonkin	Merewether	11 September 2026
912060	H Cumming	Lawson	14 September 2026
912064	X Field	Maclean	16 September 2026
912066	J Fahey	Albury North	16 September 2026
912065	M Maric	Kempsey	17 September 2026
912070	M Bailey	Taree	17 September 2026
912071	D Burrows	Manilla	17 September 2026
912068	J Bruce	Tweed Heads	18 September 2026
912072	R Perry	Thirroul	18 September 2026
912052	A Ziebell	Mittagong	21 September 2026
912075	J Seaward	Tweed Heads	23 September 2026
912076	N Young	Mullumbimby	23 September 2026
912073	L Jones	Kempsey	24 September 2026
912078	F Crisp	Byron Bay	25 September 2026
912080	E Bernal	Raymond Terrace	25 September 2026
912079	D Khadka	Mittagong	28 September 2026

Transfers

910200	C Maguire	Brewarrina	to	Manilla	23 September 2026
910233	B Seymour	Portland	to	Lithgow	28 September 2026
900598	J Café	Bathurst	to	Salamander Bay	06 December 2026

Appointment to Rank

906153	G Zell	Deputy Captain	Gilgandra	07 September 2026
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906094	A Murray	Deputy Captain	Crookwell	11 September 2026
521814	M O'Malley	Captain	Lambton	12 September 2026
910685	V Southan	Deputy Captain	Wyoming	15 September 2026
520429	D Poss	Deputy Captain	Gunnedah	17 September 2026
910028	R Shaw	Deputy Captain	Batemans Bay	18 September 2026
909681	A Cooke	Deputy Captain	Trangie	28 September 2026

Relinquishment of Rank

903100	K Attree	Deputy Captain	Batemans Bay	11 September 2026
905988	J Bowen	Deputy Captain	Glenbrook	1 October 2026

Separations

911943	RefF I Milford	Tarro	31 July 2026
906001	RetF S Smith	Lightning Ridge	1 August 2026
910571	RetF M Agostino	Batlow	2 August 2026
907872	RetF T Connor	Thirroul	3 September 2026
909297	RetF D Hammond	Balgownie	1 September 2026
907819	RetF R Pratt	June	4 September 2026
909162	RetF T Morris	Wauchope	4 September 2026
912029	RetF M Lurssen	South Grafton	7 September 2026
909624	RetF L Bennett	Singleton	9 September 2026
911922	RetF B Pukkunnel Varghese Walcha		13 September 2026
906663	RetF M Filho	Abermain	14 September 2026
911288	RetF J Brine	Raymond Terrace	16 September 2026

Retirements

6924	SF A Gordon	Shellharbour	16 September 2026
9247	SF C McCumstie	Lambton	10 September 2026
900122	SF T Hansen	Dee Why	24 September 2026
900125	SF T Lloyd	Response Coordination Newcastle	17 September 2026
232005	RetF D Grimson	Boorowa	31 August 2026
293006	RetF K Bevan	Finley	31 August 2026
211033	RetF M Miles	Ballina	06 September 2026
463005	RetF I Desailly	Tocumwal	18 September 2026

520783	RetF L Anderson	South West Rocks	01 October 2026
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Honorary List

232005	RetF D Grimson	Boorowa	01 September 2026
293006	RetF K Bevan	Finley	01 September 2026
211033	RetF M Miles	Ballina	07 September 2026
463005	RetF I Desailly	Tocumwal	19 September 2026
520783	RetF L Anderson	South West Rocks	02 October 2026

ADMINISTRATION AND TRADE NOTICES

Appointments

Service No.	Name	Position	Effective date
912069	A Shaw	Rescue Equipment Technician	06 October 2026
912058	K Van Barneveld	Senior Industrial Officer	06 October 2026

Jeremy Fewtrell AFSM
Commissioner
30 September 2026