

State Rescue Board of NSW - Communique Meeting 131 – 30 May 2019

The State Rescue Board of NSW held its second meeting of the year on Thursday 30 May 2019, at the Office of Emergency Management in Sydney.

State Rescue Board Secretariat Report

The Board noted reports received from the South Eastern Regional Rescue Committee and the Far West & Central West Combined Regional Rescue Committee on interim response arrangements in their regions.

Cross border rescue arrangements

The Board noted information received from Regional Rescue Committees regarding cross border rescue arrangements in place within their regions, including Memorandums of Understanding and Mutual Aid Agreements.

NSW Rural Fire Service

The Board endorsed a request from the NSW Rural Fire Service for pre-accreditation for Road Crash Rescue for its Howes Valley Brigade.

NSW Volunteer Rescue Association

The Board endorsed a request from the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association for pre-accreditation for Vertical Rescue for its Murrurundi Unit.

Operational Capability Inspection Program

The NSW Police Force Emergency Management Unit coordinated nine Operational Capability Inspections in 2018. The Board endorsed the completion of the Operational Capability Inspection Program for 2018.

NSW State Emergency Service – Port Macquarie Unit

The State Disaster Rescue Challenge was held in Wollongong on 26 and 27 May 2019, with the NSW State Emergency Service Port Macquarie Unit claiming top honours. The team will progress to the National Disaster Challenge being held later this year

Exercise Shaken Fury 2019

Exercise Shaken Fury 2019 is being held in the United States from 29 May to 7 June 2019. The exercise will utilize a 7.7 magnitude earthquake scenario along the southwest segment of the New Madrid Seismic Zone near Memphis, Tennessee to incorporate response and recovery missions. 32 Urban Search and Rescue trained personnel from Australia are participating in the exercise.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the State Rescue Board is scheduled for Thursday 15 August 2019.