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CAMPAIGN CALL TO BOOST FIRE AND RESCUE RECRUITS

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) are calling for new firefighter recruits as they kick off their latest campaign ahead of the summer season.

Minister for Emergency Services Troy Grant launched the 'More than Fire' recruitment call alongside FRNSW Commissioner Paul Baxter at the new Orchard Hill academy this morning.

This year's drive will officially begin on Monday 5 November and run until 19 November, with thousands of aspiring fireies expected to apply for the coveted positions.

Mr Grant said the campaign aims to attract applicants from a wide range of industries and fields.

"We need firefighters with diverse skills to meet the challenging nature of the job, so we are encouraging potential candidates to think outside the traditional role of a firefighter," Mr Grant said.

"FRNSW firefighters do so much more than fight fires. They are highly trained and trusted first responders on scene at road crash rescues, hazardous material incidents and severe weather-related events.

"Community engagement and education also form a significant part of their role to promote fire safety awareness and preventative measures in the community."

Commissioner Baxter said the campaign was designed to attract the largest possible pool of candidates for permanent (full-time) and retained (on-call) firefighter positions.

"This campaign is about honouring our firefighters, their personalities, their differences and the reason each of them became a firefighter," Commissioner Baxter said.

"It aims to inspire others to apply for a diverse, challenging and rewarding career with us.

"We are looking for fit, passionate and resilient individuals with well-developed interpersonal skills and the capacity to undertake a range of different functions, including fire response and investigation, community engagement, rescue and hazardous materials response."

Candidates who are offered a place in the recruitment intake will undergo training at the new state-of-the-art FRNSW Emergency Services Academy, which will welcome its first class of recruit firefighters in 2019.

For more information visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au/recruitment

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