

Exciting Opportunity now exists with the NSW State Emergency Service.

The NSW SES is currently forming a specialist team as part of the Northern Rivers Capability Unit with a focus on communications. This will include setting up and operating equipment, training members and providing specialist advice when required.

NSW SES works across several networks such as our Private Mobile radio (PMR) and Government Radio Network (GRN) in addition to Air and Marine Bands. We also use other networks of the other emergency service organisation (ESOs).

The Capability Unit, once trained, will have the following responsibilities:

- Establishment and operation of portable repeaters.
- Establishment and operation of mobile command vehicles.
- Establishment and operation of GRN Cell On Wheels (COWs).
- Provision of radio specific training of SES unit members.
- Communications planning role in Incident Management Teams.
- Deployment to incidents across the State and interstate (subject to personal availability).
- Provision of communications advice as requested.
- Work with other ESO communications specific capability Units.

NSW SES will provide the appropriate training to ensure that members are able to perform the functions safely and effectively. Where specific licensing or endorsements are required these will be facilitated as required.

NSW SES has embraced 'flexible volunteering' acknowledging that people lead busy lives and are happy to accept members based on the amount of time that can be contributed. If you wish to become involved in this endeavour, please visit www.ses.nsw.gov.au and follow the links to sign up as a **Unit Volunteer** of the **Northern Rivers Capability Unit**.

For any further queries please contact either SES Local Commander Peter Mair on 0418 144 160 or Northern Rivers Commander Mark Somers on 0477 722 850.