

Fire + Rescue NSW

Nominee's name: Connor Shepard

Current Role: On-Call Firefighter, Casino



Connor Shepard serves as a an on-call Firefighter with Fire and Rescue NSW at 253 Casino Fire Station and a Volunteer Rescue Operator with VRA Rescue NSW, based in Casino. Known for his selfless service and tireless dedication, Connor plays a vital role in responding to fires, rescues, floods, and other emergencies, consistently putting the safety and wellbeing of others first.

With four years in emergency services, Connor brings a strong foundation of training, professionalism, and teamwork to every incident. His skills in road crash rescue, flood response, and land search have proven invaluable time and again.

Connor's commitment was especially evident during the devastating 2022 Northern NSW floods, when he spent weeks rescuing residents, evacuating families, and later assisting in recovery efforts—all during his personal time. His work brought real comfort and hope to many in the region.

Beyond emergency response, Connor is deeply involved in community education and outreach. From school visits to safety demonstrations and community fundraising, he gives back in countless ways—quietly, compassionately, and without seeking recognition.

Admired by colleagues and community alike, Connor's humility, courage, and unwavering service truly embody the spirit of these awards. His impact is lasting, and his dedication deserves to be celebrated.