NSW State Emergency Service



Nominee's name: Matthew Elliott

Current Role: Deputy Unit Commander
– Training & Capability, Blacktown

Matthew Elliott has demonstrated exemplary dedication to the NSW State Emergency Service over 12 years, currently serving as Deputy Unit Commander for Training and Capability at the Blacktown Unit. Known for his innovation, leadership, and resilience, Matt plays a key role in flood rescue coordination, training development, and operational readiness across the state.

Matt has gone above and beyond, even continuing to lead training sessions on crutches after a serious leg injury in 2022. During recovery, he personally designed and funded a floating car training tool now used state-wide. In 2023, he represented NSW SES internationally and delivered a webinar for over 400 volunteers on his return along with professional development sessions.

His efforts include development of inter-agency flood rescue safety programs for NSW Police and RFS, deployment leadership during Cyclone Alfred, and volunteer hours far exceeding expectations. Matt's innovative thinking has influenced new rescue boat designs and enhanced state-wide training standards.

Though not officially affiliated with other community groups, his work through the SES has had a broad, lasting impact on safety and preparedness. Matt’s selfless service, commitment to excellence, and inspirational leadership make him a distinguished nominee for these Awards.