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**David Borger**  
**Minister for Housing**  
**Minister for Western Sydney**

# **Multi-million dollar boost for emergency protection in Western Sydney**

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Minister for Western Sydney David Borger today announced fire fighters in five Western Sydney suburbs will be armed with the very latest equipment, as temperatures are set to soar this week.

Mr Borger said the NSW Government has delivered five new urban fire engines to the region at a cost of \$2.5 million.

Mr Borger said the fire engines, delivered to Liverpool, Macquarie Fields, Regentville, Seven Hills and Wentworthville fire stations, were part of the largest roll-out of new and upgraded fire engines in NSW Fire Brigades history.

“The NSW Government has invested more than \$225 million providing 530 new and refurbished fire engines for communities around the State,” Mr Borger said.

“In this financial year alone, \$18 million is being provided to ensure our fire fighters have modern and safe vehicles and \$3 million is being spent in Western Sydney.

“The new fire engines are specifically designed for suburban areas and carry state-of-the-art rescue equipment. They include a water pump that supplies up to 4,000 litres of water per minute and a foam system to fight chemical, petrol and bush fires.”

Mr Borger said the vehicles also have a GPS system and an electronic message board to warn motorists of emergency operations.

“In addition to the new urban fire engines, a \$500 000 heavy hazmat vehicle has been delivered to St Mary’s Fire Station. It will manage incidents including toxic chemical spills, volatile substances, oil and fuel spills and gas leaks,” Mr Borger said.

“The roll-out of new fire engines in Western Sydney will continue, with a million dollars worth of fire engines to be delivered to Parramatta and Mount Druitt in the next two months.

“This major fleet upgrade will ensure that our front-line fire fighters have the best equipment and the latest technology to ensure the safety and protection of local communities.”

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