

Nomination for Command Specialist - Anthony Northbrook-Hine BM

Leading Firefighter, Anthony (Tony) Northbrook Hine BM, is a highly experienced leader with over 30 years in various command roles within the emergency sector, including Acting Supervisor of the Sydney Communications Centre at Fire and Rescue NSW and Local Controller with NSW State Emergency Service.

Tony has devoted his professional life to the mastery of both technical rescue and humanitarian response, including leading small teams at a Station and Unit level with four to six responders, through to appointments in Senior Command roles, such as a Level 3 Operations Officer for the Hawkesbury Nepean Floods (2022) and as Deputy Task Force Leader of a multi-agency response to Cyclone Seroja in Western Australia (2021).

Instrumental in the design for innovation and forward thinking, Tony led the Technical Rescue Training team at Fire and Rescue NSW for over 6 years. It was in this role that he contributed to the successful overhaul of the Rescue Curriculum and was a lead contributor to the State Rescue Board's Training Standards Review in 2015.

Tony has also participated as an active committee member to the Public Safety Training Package Reviews since 2008, ensuring it meets the needs of industry in developing the knowledge and skills required to assist in emergency response situations.

Currently, Tony is spearheading the development and delivery of industry resources to equip frontline volunteer commanders within technical rescue: ranging from small team leadership, sector command and leadership in complex environments.

These assets will enable commanders alike to set the direction, discipline, and training standards for teams, which aim to ultimately improve the science and quality of road and trauma rescue services and shift the dial on rescue response to be more inclusive, innovative, and drive best-practice ways of working.

Building on this, Tony's passion for the development and leadership in rescue, is further supported by his commitment and dedication to supporting the mission and values of ARRO. As a Command Specialist, Tony will continue to provide mentorship for Commanders, and aspiring leaders at every experience level; further strengthening ARRO's position as the peak body in Australasia in rescue.