

## New devices boost safety

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THE safety of NSW State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers has been strengthened through the provision of life-saving equipment.

Each unit of the SES across the central west has been issued with an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) unit to ensure the safety of its volunteers.

Orange City SES deputy controller Rob Hines said all 30 members of the local unit will be trained in the lifesaving device over the next few weeks.

“They will be trained in the use of the AED and new CPR protocols ... all members will be trained by mid-September,” he said.



LIFESAVERS: Orange SES deputy controller Rob Hines with Grant Hill say their new defibrillator will be a huge benefit for the volunteers.

The AED is used to deliver an electrical shock to the heart (defibrillation) of a person suffering from a sudden cardiac arrest.

SES central west region controller Craig Ronan said the AEDs would be an invaluable piece of life-saving equipment to protect the health and safety of all local SES volunteers.

“The SES prides itself on its commitment to safety for its volunteers and the community,” he said.

“This life-saving equipment will assist volunteers in responding in the unlikely event of other SES members or visitors to SES facilities suffering a heart attack.”

SES units in Orange, Bathurst, Blayney, Burruga, Canowindra, Eugowra, Lithgow, Molong, Oberon, Portland and Sofala have taken delivery of AEDs for their units.