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Local SES Deploys to Melbourne's Storm Damage

Over the last week, fierce rain and hail storms affected the suburbs of Melbourne exhausting the Victoria's emergency services. With this, a request was sent out to the NSW State Emergency Service (SES) and volunteers of the Blue Mountains SES Unit were more than happy to help.

“Whilst the SES is a State organisation, we have a standard of Competency Based Training which basically means our teams can utilise their skills with interstate SES teams” stated John Hughes, Deputy Controller for the Blue Mountains SES.

“This ability allows us to respond anywhere across the Australia to deploy our skills to assist in a quick recovery of affected communities.”

The Blue Mountains team were flown down on the 7th March and were sent directly to the storm damage area. They attended to houses mainly affected by hail damage in Melbourne suburbs of Armadale, Glen Iris, Glen Waverly, Malvern, Boronia and Knox over a three day period. A total of 42 members of the NSW SES responded to Melbourne on the Sunday, with further teams sent to assist later in the week.

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