A new super sized station at Berrimah is the first purpose-built 24/7 fire station built in the Territory in 30 years.

“This Fire and Emergency Service Complex is home to the largest fire station ever built in the Northern Territory and houses not only the Northern Territory Fire Service, but also the NT Emergency Services, which includes hi-rise building training facilities,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“With Darwin’s growing population, it’s vital our emergency services have up-to-date training for attending emergencies in unit blocks, and the four level training tower will assist with this.

“A separate building contains Special Operations and NT Emergency Services training equipment, disaster response equipment and Urban Search and Rescue equipment as well as three NTES vehicle and equipment bays.

“The facility cost $12.5 million with a further $800,000 to complete integration road works to provide slip ways to the facility as well as warning lights to alert motorists to Emergency vehicle exit and entry points.

“The centrally-based Berrimah facility responds to emergency alarms that were previously monitored by other fire stations, including areas like Robertson Barracks as well as supporting the industrial and port areas of East Arm and other surrounding regions of Berrimah.”

The new facility also backs up Darwin, Palmerston and Marrara, reducing the pressure on the existing stations.

The Special Operations Division now has a fit-for-purpose response centre to prepare and protect with specialist equipment in the event it is required to be deployed anywhere in the Northern Territory.

The new facility encompasses:

- A fire station building including four large engine bays
- An adjacent four level training tower connected by stairs and ladders replicating a hi-rise building for high-level rescue training and fire fighting.
- 60m high radio communications tower
- A separate building for Special Operations/NTES Darwin Volunteer Unit dedicated to fire fighter training and storage of specialised equipment for disaster response and urban search and rescue equipment, including seven special equipment vehicle bays and three NTES vehicle and equipment bays
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The Berrimah Fire and Rescue Station began operating last month and crews have already attended 58 incidents in the Berrimah emergency response area, including grass fires, car crashes and structure fires.

The station operates on a 24/7 basis across four shifts, with each shift consisting of one Station Officer and five fire-fighters, with 22 personnel based at the station.

In addition to these staff, the Darwin District Officer and support staff are now also based at the facility.

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