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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Long serving Warraderry volunteers honoured

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Region West Manager Mr Paul Smith has recognised the ongoing commitment of volunteer firefighters from the Warraderry Brigade this evening at an official ceremony held in their honour.

Mr Smith presented 11 members with a combination of Long Service Awards, cumulating in 402 years of service between them.

“It is an absolute honour to be able to present these awards and I would personally like to acknowledge the tireless work undertaken by our members throughout the Mid Lachlan Valley.

“Every member being recognised here today is not afraid of hard work and has shown a willingness to go the extra mile for their Brigade.

“I would particularly like to acknowledge Mr Barry Knight who is tonight receiving an award for 60 years service to his community.

“Barry has held the position of Deputy Captain for over 50 consecutive years and has also housed and cared for the Brigade’s bush fire tanker since 1997, often being the first to respond to reports of fire or other emergencies” said Mr Smith.

“All of the members being recognised today give up their time selflessly, and are driven by their commitment to helping their communities in times of emergency.

“Whether it’s responding to bush fire emergencies or attending car accidents and structure fires, our volunteers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

“Our members don’t volunteer their time for awards or accolades, however today is an opportunity for the wider NSW community to express our sincere thanks for their ongoing contribution” concluded Mr Smith.

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