



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Praise for Cumberland Zone's long-standing volunteer firefighters

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Some of the Cumberland area's most experienced volunteer firefighters have been celebrated today for helping to protect their local communities from the ravages of fire.

NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Senior Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald acknowledged the unwavering dedication of these volunteers and thanked them for selflessly giving up their time.

"In total, these medal recipients have accumulated an impressive 373 years of service between them," Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

A total of 16 volunteers were presented with 12 Long Service and four National Medals and clasps by Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald.

Five volunteers were honoured for giving more than 30 years of dedicated service to their Brigades and the local community.

"I would like to make particular mention of Christopher Harper who has been a member for 43 years," Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

"Christopher and indeed all members receiving medals today, are shining examples of the steadfast dedication demonstrated by NSW RFS volunteer firefighters right across the state."

Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said everyone living in the region is aware of the hard work, and commitment that comes with being a NSW RFS volunteer.

"Whether it's responding to bush fire emergencies, like those we've seen in recent times, or assisting with flood rescue and recovery, our volunteers are on hand 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Senior Assistant Commissioner McDonald said.

"While our volunteers certainly don't expect awards or accolades, all of them are most worthy of our sincere gratitude and thanks."