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Five new trucks, ten long serving volunteers and a new station

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The dedication and hard work of volunteers in the Mid North Coast Team was celebrated by the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) in an official ceremony today.

NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons presented Long Service Medals and National Medals to a group of 10 volunteers who have amassed an impressive 156 years of service between them.

“This significant milestone demonstrates that the tradition of volunteering is thriving in this region,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“Each of these men and women provide a vital service to their community, whether they’re fighting bush fires, attending road accidents or providing fire safety information.”

Commissioner Fitzsimmons also took the opportunity to congratulate Mid North Coast volunteers on the five newest additions to their firefighting fleet, noting the new fire trucks would advance local firefighting efforts.

“The NSW RFS is committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment they need to carry out the important work they do in protecting their local communities from fire,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“These new vehicles are replacing older style models and will allow firefighters to continue providing a high level of emergency service to residents in the Mid North Coast area.”

During the ceremony Commissioner Fitzsimmons also urged the Eastbank Rural Fire Brigade to be proud of their new station, which is the culmination of years of hard work by volunteers.

“This station is testament to how diligently and tirelessly the Eastbank Brigade have worked to turn their dream of new station into a reality,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“The Brigade outgrew their last station and so did their fire trucks. The new station was constructed to house the newer and larger tankers that have been introduced into the Brigade.”

“The hard work and professionalism of volunteers in the Mid North Coast Team doesn’t go unnoticed and this is a great opportunity for the broader community to express their gratitude and say thank you,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“I would like to take this time to praise all our volunteers for their ongoing efforts each and every day, particularly when dealing with emergencies here in the Mid North Coast.”