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RFS conference honours dedicated members

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The dedication and commitment of 14 RFS staff members has been recognised at a special ceremony during a conference in Bathurst for staff members of the Area Command Western.

RFS Acting Director Area Operations North Chief Superintendent Heath Stimson joined guests at Rydges Bathurst, Mount Panorama to present 14 Long Service Medals to staff, acknowledging the remarkable dedication and service provided by these worthy recipients.

Chief Superintendent Stimson said with years of service ranging from 10 to 30 years, many of these members have dedicated a significant portion of their life to protecting the community and providing support to the thousands of volunteers who make up the Service, some while being volunteers themselves.

“The professionalism of all RFS members does not go unnoticed, whether it be staff or volunteers, and their level of commitment to their roles and community should be recognised,” Chief Superintendent Stimson said.

“I thank each recipient for their selfless dedication, with a special mention of David Millsteed, who is being recognised for an impressive 30 years of service.

“An active member since 1994, Superintendent Millsteed has been a member of eight volunteer units, some involved in aviation, before becoming a member of staff, where he has been Orana District Manager since 2022.

“I also recognise Scott Baker for his 30 years, who recently joined the the Mid Lachlan Valley Team after volunteering with the Service since 1994, where he progressed through the ranks to Deputy Group Captain.

“Today’s medal presentation is part of an event that sees more than 80 RFS staff members from our Area Command Western come together to become more familiar with RFS policies and processes and hear about new developments within the Service.

“The conference, which runs through until Thursday, is an opportunity to reflect, learn and share experiences that will improve the services we provide to our volunteer members and the wider communities we protect.”

The RFS Area Command Western covers approximately 43 per cent of NSW, providing support to 426 RFS Brigades.