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New fire trucks boost Tamworth regions firefighting capability

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New firefighting trucks will be handed over to the Tamworth area and more than 50 NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) volunteers recognised at a ceremony in Westdale tomorrow.

Assistant Commissioner Jayson McKellar AFSM will be joined by special guests at the Tamworth Fire Control Centre to present 57 Long Service Medals to volunteers with combined service of more than 1,200 years.

"Today is an opportunity to recognise the hard work and incredible contribution of all RFS volunteers across the region, particularly those who have dedicated decades of service," Assistant Commissioner McKellar said.

"Every single one of these members should be proud of themselves and their commitment to protecting local communities, including three with more than 45 years' service - Grant Green, Christopher Boman and Stephen Boman.

"Now with Moore Creek Brigade, Grant joined Nedgera Brigade in 1974 and held the role of Senior Deputy Captain for 13 years. Today he will be recognised for his impressive 50 years' of service."

Grant will receive the Long Service Medal 4th Clasp, with Stephen and his brother Christopher who joined Rushes Creek Brigade in 1976, receiving their Long Service Medal 3rd Clasp.

Assistant Commissioner McKellar said tomorrow's ceremony also includes the handover of dual-cab fire trucks to the Attunga and Kingswood Brigades.

"It's important RFS members have access to modern firefighting technology when preparing for and responding to fires and other incidents," he said.

"These two new trucks, with a combined value of more than \$735,000 and include breathing apparatus resources, will enable the brigades to strengthen their firefighting efforts in the local area.

"The efforts of RFS volunteers do not go unnoticed and today's event provides a great opportunity to publicly acknowledge the outstanding work of our thousands of volunteer bush firefighters, who are available to serve their communities 24 hours a day, seven days a week."