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Southern Highlands Team celebrate dedicated volunteers and arrival of new vehicles

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Member for Goulburn Pru Goward MP and NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Jason Heffernan today recognised the achievements and long standing service of Southern Highlands Team volunteers, and officially handed over four new firefighting vehicles to local brigades.

Ms Goward said she was honoured to present 29 volunteers with Long Service Medals and National Medals in recognition of their combined 774 years of service.

“These medals are a proud acknowledgement of the volunteers’ dedication to protecting their community and the commitment they have given to their brigades and I know all those recognised today will continue to serve for many years to come,” Ms Goward said.

Assistant Commissioner Heffernan made particular mention of William Dunn, who was recognised for his 67 years of service to the community and who remains an enthusiastic and valuable member of the NSW RFS, currently as a retired Group Captain.

“Also worthy of special mention is Orangeville/Werombi Brigade member Geoffrey Gardiner who has been an active member for 57 years.”

During the ceremony, Ms Goward and Assistant Commissioner Heffernan officially handed over four new vehicles to four Brigades within the Southern Highlands Team.

“The Douglas Park, Lakesland, Mittagong and Wingello Brigades each received a new Category 1 tanker, upgrades that will prove to be valuable assets,” Assistant Commissioner Heffernan said.

“The NSW RFS and state and local governments are committed to providing volunteer firefighters with the equipment and resources they need to protect their local communities and I know these new vehicles will help provide an even greater level of service.”