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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

New fire trucks and Long Service Medals for Central West volunteers

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Assistant Commissioner Dominic Lane has congratulated 27 NSW RFS volunteers from Canobolas RFS brigades who have been recognised for their long and outstanding service.

Assistant Commissioner Lane said the volunteers had made an invaluable contribution to local communities and were the backbone of the NSW RFS.

“Between them, these men and women have served with distinction for more than 650 years.

“I would particularly like to acknowledge Hilton Davis who has been committed to the Blayney RFS Brigade for over 50 years. Hilton’s dedicated and steadfast leadership skills have served the brigade well and, like all the recipients here today, he is well deserving of the community’s thanks.

“All of the members being recognised today are shining examples of the selfless commitment demonstrated by volunteers across NSW,” Assistant Commissioner Lane said.

The volunteers were presented with their medals at a ceremony at Canobolas Fire Control Centre where Assistant Commissioner Lane also handed over seven new bush fire trucks worth more than a million dollars.

“The NSW RFS is committed to ensuring that our volunteers are equipped the necessary equipment needed in order to go about their duties.

“These new tankers are replacing the older style vehicles and will help the volunteers continue their outstanding work in the community,” he said.

“These men and women have each played an integral role in their community, whether fighting bush fires or assisting during storms, floods or road accidents. It’s inspiring to present these awards in recognition of their years as committed volunteers”.