



Praise and award for Cumberland volunteer firefighters

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Region East Manager, Chief Superintendent John Parnaby has acknowledged the commitment of long-standing members of the Cumberland Zone NSW RFS volunteer firefighters at a presentation held in their honour.

Chief Superintendent Parnaby presented the 17 members with their medals at the annual Cumberland Zone Ball, where he praised each of the recipients describing them as well-respected, committed members of the Service.

"Between them, these men and women have more than 300 years of experience with the Service. This is an admirable achievement and a demonstration that the local RFS brigades are thriving in the Cumberland region.

"I would particularly like to pay tribute to Ian McDonald who has been a volunteer firefighter for over 30 years.

"A committed member of the Marsden Park Rural Fire Brigade, Ian has also held the position of Deputy Group Captain for the Cumberland Zone.

"He has been an active and diligent member who has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the community.

"Ian's ongoing selfless dedication to the safety of others is an inspiration, and like all of the members being recognised here today, most worthy of our thanks and gratitude".

Chief Superintendent Parnaby said the Cumberland Zone had seen significant fire activity over the years.

"All of the medal recipients here today have been integral in protecting the local community and helping build resilience.

"Of course our members don't commit their time for awards or accolades, however today is an opportunity for the NSW community to express thanks for their ongoing contribution," he said.

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