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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Long serving volunteers from the Illawarra honoured

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NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Deputy Commissioner Rob Rogers has recognised the ongoing commitment of Illawarra volunteer firefighters this morning at an official ceremony held in their honour.

Deputy Commissioner Rogers presented 25 members with a combination of Long Service Awards and National Medals.

“It is an absolute honour to be able to present these awards and I would personally like to acknowledge the tireless work undertaken by our members throughout Illawarra.

“All of the members being recognised today are perfect examples of the selfless commitment demonstrated by volunteers right across NSW” said Deputy Commissioner Rogers.

“The 25 members being honoured today have amassed an incredible 696 years of collective service to the NSW RFS.

“I would particularly like to acknowledge Mr Barry Brotherson AFSM of the Oaks Flat Brigade who is today receiving an award for 50 years service to his community.

“Barry has fulfilled many roles within his Brigade, including holding the position of Brigade Captain for a continuous period of 25 years. Barry was also awarded the prestigious Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) in 2004. Barry is an inspiration to members of his Brigade and his local community.

“Whether it’s responding to bush fire emergencies or attending car accidents and structure fires, our volunteers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

“Our members don’t volunteer their time for awards or accolades, however today is an opportunity for the wider NSW community to express our sincere thanks for their ongoing contribution” concluded Deputy Commissioner Rogers.

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