

# Media Release

ACT State Emergency Service



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## ACTSES volunteers awarded for their efforts

ACT State Emergency Service (ACTSES) volunteers last night were honoured in a special ceremony as part of National SES week.

“I would like to congratulate all 30 volunteer members for their dedication and service with the ACTSES across the Canberra community,” ACTSES Chief Officer Tony Graham said.

“All 258 ACTSES volunteers regularly attend training and incidents and provide a valuable contribution to the community,” he said.

“Often in the most atrocious weather conditions crews are immediately stood up following storm and flood events attending to a variety of jobs including fallen trees, broken roof tiles and flooding.”

During the ceremony, Mr Graham also thanked family members, employers of volunteers and other supporters of the ACTSES.

“Without the ongoing support the ACTSES receives, it would simply not be possible to continue in assisting the community,” Mr Graham said.

“Last year in particular was a unique season with various storm and flood events,” he said.

“Over 2700 calls for help were received during the last financial year and crews have received 222 calls from the Canberra community since 1 July, 2011.”

Mr Graham also presented awards to crews that assisted communities in Queensland following Cyclone Yasi, and inducted two members with Honorary Life Membership.

The Honours and Awards presentation was held at the CSIRO Discovery Centre in Acton last night in the following categories:

Five, ten and 20 years service, Honorary Life membership, Certificate of Appreciation, Employers Awards, Diligent Service and Meritorious Service.

