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ACT Emergency Service workers honoured for service

ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) Commissioner Mark Crowweller has today presented members across the ESA with the National Medal at a special ceremony at the National Portrait Gallery.

“I am proud to present this group of personnel from the ESA with the National Medal, recognising the years of dedication and service to the ACT community in Emergency Services,” Commissioner Mark Crowweller said.

“The commitment shown by the staff and volunteers in this group with the ESA demonstrate a combined total of 895 years of service,” he said.

National Medals are presented for 15 years qualifying service, with Clasps also presented for each additional qualifying period of 10 years.

The ESA Commissioner presented 21 National Medals, 14 First Clasps, four Second Clasps and two Third Clasps.

The National Medal was established on 14 February 1975 as one of the original elements of the distinctive Australian system of honors and awards. The Governor-General awards the National Medal, with nominations made by the Chief Officer of the nominee service.

“The men and women awarded the National Medal today from the ESA, ACT Ambulance Service, ACT Fire & Rescue, ACT Rural Fire Service and the ACT State Emergency Service, are always prepared to step up in times of crisis,” Commissioner Crowweller said.

“During 2011 we have seen this demonstrated in a variety of ways including storm and flood assistance, large structural fires at the Diamonte Hotel and at the Mitchell chemical factory fire, as well as accidents and rescues across the ACT,” he said.

“I would like to thank and congratulate all of them for their continued commitment to the Canberra community.

Government organisations such as ambulance, correctional, fire and police forces as well as voluntary groups like lifesaving or search and rescue organisations are all recognised as part of these national awards.

A list of the recipients is included below.

ACT EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCY (RISK & PLANNING)

Richard McRae	1 st Clasp	25 years
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ACT STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE

Gordon McAlpine	National Medal	15 years
Luke Pinner	National Medal	15 years
Stephen Loiterton	1 st Clasp	25 years
Peter McEncroe	2 nd Clasp	35 years

ACT RURAL FIRE SERVICE

John Russell	National Medal	15 years
Felicity O'Neill	National Medal	15 years
Craig McKay	National Medal	15 years
Andrew Geike	National Medal	15 years
Allan Gumm	National Medal	15 years
Jason Gerebtzoff	National Medal	15 years
John Hyles	National Medal	15 years
Kelvin Curtis	National Medal	15 years
Kenneth Rodda	National Medal	15 years
David Pennock	National Medal	15 years
Karim Haddad	National Medal	15 years
Simon Katz	1 st Clasp	25 years
Anthony Corrigan	1 st Clasp	25 years
John Lawler	1 st Clasp	25 years
Steve Angus	1 st Clasp	25 years
Kevin Hogan	1 st Clasp	25 years
Phillip Blayden	1 st Clasp	25 years
Clyde Hunt	1 st Clasp	25 years
Richard Woods	2 nd Clasp	35 years
Peter Galvin	2 nd Clasp	35 years
Desmond Clark	3 rd Clasp	45 years

ACT FIRE & RESCUE

Maxwell Colefax	National Medal	15 years
Ryan Dixon	National Medal	15 years
Sam Evans	National Medal	15 years
John Pappas	National Medal	15 years
Justin Morrison	1 st Clasp	25 years
Keith Chavasse	1 st Clasp	25 years
Paul Ingram	1 st Clasp	25 years
John Wilson	2 nd Clasp	35 years
Ronald Hourigan	3 rd Clasp	45 years

ACT AMBULANCE SERVICE

Joy Gibbs	National Medal	15 years
Robert Trevillion	National Medal	15 years
Joanne Miles	National Medal	15 years
Phillip Owen	National Medal	15 years
Paul Ribbons	1 st Clasp	25 years
Trevor Stohr	1 st Clasp	25 years