

Media Release

ACT Fire Brigade



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Firefighter heroes receive special awards

ACT Fire Brigade Chief Officer Paul Swain today presented a series of awards to 45 firefighters from the ACT Fire Brigade at a special ceremony at the Forrest Fire Station and Canberra Museum.

“It is fitting and gives me great pleasure to formally congratulate these firefighters who put their lives in danger every day on shift on this Saint Florians day,” Mr Swain said.

“St Florian is the Patron Saint of firefighters around the world whose legends includes once putting out a fire with a bucket of water,” he said.

“Today’s ceremony gives members of the ACT Fire Brigade and their families a chance to reflect on the role that firefighters play in the ACT community.”

Mr Swain presented 30 years of service awards to 18 firefighters and also Meritorious service awards to 26 firefighters with the ACT Fire Brigade.

“These awards recognise the special call to duty that was demonstrated by firefighters from the ACT Fire Brigade, during operations including the Gungahlin Drive Extension bridge collapse in August last year,” Mr Swain said.

The Chief Officer Commendation award was also presented to a firefighter involved with last years bridge collapse.

“An off duty firefighter at the time of the accident witnessed the collapse, immediately assessed the scene and co-ordinated rescue activities until arrival of the first ACT Fire Brigade appliance,” Mr Swain said.

“The ability for these men to constantly perform their duties in risky and dangerous environments must be applauded”, he said.

Please note: A list of recipients is included with this media release.



Order of Recipients

30 year plus recipients

SFF Steven Bartlett	SFF Russell Goodall	SFF Mick Grant
SO John Wilson	DO Jim Schlizio	SO Jeff Southwell
SFF Brian James	SO John O'Connor	SO Tony Ross
DO Peter McGinley	DO Peter Jeffs	SO Mick Hobbs
SO Kerry Evans	SO Graeme Bryce	SO Trent Abell
SUPT Greg Kent	SFF John Fleming	SO Dave Jex

Meritorious service

DO Jim Schlizio	SFF Brett Musial	FF Aldo Di Petta
SO Stuart Gallop	SFF Adam Dominick	SI Ian Brandreth
SFQ Andrew Johnson	FF Chris O'Brien	SFQ peter Bryant
SF Daniel Komorowski	SO Peter van der Sanden	SFQ Michael Cross
FF Scott Young	SFF Peter Telford	SFF Paul Foster
SO Ben Sweetapple	FF Damien Eskinja	DO Michael Cochrane
DO Brian Talbot	SO Brendan Gilmarten	SFQ Joe Murphy
SO Ross Kennedy	SFF Phil Gurney	SFQ Barry McMillan
SFF Anthony York	FF Mark Welsh	

Chief Officer Commendation – Gungahlin Bridge Collapse

SO Paul McLucas

FF – Firefighter

SFQ – Senior Firefighter Qualified

SFF – Senior Firefighter

SO – Station Officer

DO – District Officer

SUPT – Superintendant

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