

Media Release

ACT Fire Brigade



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New Firefighters graduate in the ACT

16 new firefighters have today graduated with the ACT Fire Brigade to boost the Territory's emergency response capabilities in a special ceremony in Belconnen.

"I would like to congratulate these newest recruits who are now qualified for the large range of roles the ACT Fire Brigade performs for the Canberra community," ACT Fire Brigade Chief Officer Paul Swain said.

"Modern day firefighters with the ACT Fire Brigade provide vital emergency response in areas such as fire fighting, hazardous materials, urban search and rescue and motor vehicle accident recovery," he said.

"Having these 16 men and women graduate today should further increase the confidence of the ACT community in the knowledge they are well protected by well trained and dedicated professionals."

Today's graduates completed an intensive 90 day training course and are the first of the two intakes selected in a recruitment drive that commenced in November 2010.

"The ACT Fire Brigade received applications from all over the world which demonstrates that the training program is well renowned," ACT Fire Brigade Chief Officer Paul Swain said.

"Only the very best are selected to complete this intensive training program," he said.

"The ACT Fire Brigade understands the importance of quality training, and quality instructors to perform that training.

"These firefighters are now in a position to enhance their careers through further on the job training and potentially provide international assistance like their peers who were recently deployed to New Zealand, Japan and closer to home in Queensland.

"I would like to welcome them to the ACT Fire Brigade."

The 16 recruits graduating today bring the number of firefighters with the ACT Fire Brigade to 337.

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