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# New volunteer firefighters info night

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The ACT Rural Fire Service (ACTRFS) will host a special information night on Tuesday 26 February, 2013, for prospective volunteers who wish to join the service.

“Over 265 offers to become volunteer firefighters have been received since 1 January, 2013,” ACTRFS Chief Officer Andrew Stark said.

“Tuesday night’s information evening is an opportunity for all interested members of the Canberra community to have the recruitment process further explained and a chance to meet volunteer members of the ACTRFS Brigades,” he said.

“We have all seen the vital role ACTRFS volunteers play in the community during the recent hot weather. This summer, the ACTRFS has extinguished fires in the Namadgi National Park, Uriarra Crossing and assisted over the border in Wallaroo, Cooma, Yass and Bungendore.

“Crews have also been deployed interstate in recent weeks to Victoria and Tasmania to assist in firefighting operations, as the ACT continues to strengthen the co-operative arrangement in place with interstate authorities to assist in fighting fires in other jurisdictions when required.

“The ACTRFS currently has strong membership across all eight brigades with 512 volunteer firefighters.

“All members are provided with the highest levels of national training, have opportunities to focus on all areas of firefighting including the specialist Remote Area Firefighting Teams (RAFT) who are sent into rugged bushland and rugged terrain.

“Volunteering with the ACTRFS can be a very rewarding experience with a chance to share and learn new skills, make new friends and help the Canberra community in times of need.

“The aim of Tuesday night is to have some new volunteers ready to fight fires across the ACT for the summer of 2013/14.”

The information evening commences from 6pm to approximately 7pm on Tuesday 26 February, 2013, at the CSIRO Discovery Centre, Clunies Ross Street, Acton. Information will be provided on the recruitment process, Brigade training, Brigade locations and opportunities available to volunteers.

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