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Chief Officer to present 32 awards to ACTSES volunteers

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ACT State Emergency Service (SES) Chief Officer, Tony Graham will tonight present 32 awards to ACTSES members at the annual Honours and Awards Ceremony.

“ACTSES volunteers sacrifice family, work and recreation time to support the ACT community in times of storms, floods and many other emergencies,” Mr Graham said.

“These hard working volunteers provide emergency response 24 hours a day and may also assist ambulance, fire and police services in dealing with a range of incidents,” he said.

“Tonight’s event will recognise 10 volunteers for diligent and meritorious service with the ACTSES Chief Officer’s Certificate of Appreciation also to be awarded to two ACTSES employees.

“A further 22 ACTSES members will be recognised for their length of service ranging from five to 30 years.”

Tomorrow the community will have their chance to thank the territory’s SES volunteers by wearing orange to support National Wear Orange Wednesday (WOW).

“I encourage all Canberrans to wear orange tomorrow to acknowledge the effort and commitment that ACTSES volunteers give to our community,” Mr Graham said.

“Since July this year, the ACTSES has responded to over 300 calls for help from the Canberra community including attending to fallen trees and branches as well as assisting residents with leaking roofs during wet weather events,” he said.

“WOW Day is a great opportunity for schools, shops and workplaces across the territory to join in the fun and say thanks to over 250 dedicated ACTSES volunteers.

“WOW Day will be celebrated across each SES jurisdiction in Australia and the ACT is proud to be part of the annual event.”

Tonight’s annual ACT State Emergency Service Honours and Awards Ceremony will be held at the Canberra Club from 7pm.