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### LONG SERVING CFS VOLUNTEERS HONOURED

Emergency Services Minister Carmel Zollo has congratulated 62 South Australian Country Fire Service (CFS) volunteers, who've clocked up more than 920 hours of service between them.

Mrs Zollo has presented the volunteers, from 82 brigades within Region Two (brigades in the Lower North, Upper Mount Lofty Ranges and Yorke Peninsula) with National Medals and Clasps.

National Medals are awarded for 15 years of service with Clasps added every ten years after that.

"The State Government, and indeed the community at large, is incredibly grateful for the enormous contribution of our CFS volunteers," Mrs Zollo says.

"The level of dedication they have, the sacrifices they make to help keep their communities safe is remarkable and deserves to be rewarded in this way.

The National Medals and Clasps were presented at tonight's annual awards presentation, at Café Nova, in Gawler.

Sadly, three volunteers will be receiving their National Medals posthumously.

- Robert Buttery, Deputy Group Officer, Para CFS Group.
- Frank Hollands, Kersbrook CFS
- Reginald Stewart, Avon CFS.

Tonight's recipients also include:

- 1 member who will be receiving 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Clasps representing more than 45 years of service.
- 7 members who will be receiving their 2<sup>nd</sup> Clasp – representing more than 35 years of service.
- 22 members who will be receiving their 1<sup>st</sup> Clasp – representing more than 25 years of service.

"Not only do I congratulate the volunteers, but also their families and their employers who provide invaluable support," Mrs Zollo says.

**\*For more information on the recipients, please contact Brenton Keen, SAFECOM Public Affairs on 0400 244 542.**