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MINISTER RECOGNISES SE FIREFIGHTERS PROMOTION

Three Metropolitan Fire Service fire fighters in Mount Gambier have won significant promotions following recognition of their previous service and skills.

Adrian Hann, Ian Hill, and Philip Wood have all achieved the rank of Senior Firefighter and will be presented this afternoon with epaulettes recognising their promotion by visiting State Government Minister, Carmel Zollo.

“To reach this level of seniority would ordinarily require at least six years of intense training”, the Emergency Services Minister said.

“These fire fighters have completed the requirements in just one year, as a result of their longstanding service as retained fire fighters, so this is quite a significant achievement.”

Since completing their initial 14-week training course, the fire fighters have been having their previous years of service and competency assessed and formally recognised.

The procedure is designed to recognise skills, knowledge and attributes gained through previous formal and informal training, education, employment and work or life experiences.

“The Mount Gambier community should be justly proud of their dedicated, hardworking fire fighters”, Minister Zollo said.

“The MFS places the highest level of importance on professional training and development and this is evident in the calibre and commitment of the fire fighters in the South East such as the three officers being recognised today.”