

Commissioner's Orders



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HONOURS

Medal for Conspicuous Bravery

The Fire & Rescue NSW Medal for Conspicuous Bravery was instituted in 1932 and is the highest honour that can be awarded by Fire & Rescue NSW to recognise acts of conspicuous bravery by a firefighter. To date, the Medal has been awarded to 27 recipients, two posthumously.

The Commissioner has approved the award of the Medal to 6102 Station Officer Ronald Morasso (retired) for his actions at a major fuel leak at the Caltex Banksmeadow Fuel Terminal on Friday 12 July 2013.

Citation

6102 Station Officer Ronald Morasso has been awarded the Fire & Rescue NSW Medal for Conspicuous Bravery for his actions at a major fuel leak at the Caltex Banksmeadow Fuel Terminal

From 0138 hours on 12 July 2013, Fire & Rescue NSW crews were dispatched to an incident involving a storage tank containing two million litres of unleaded fuel, leaking at around 2,000 litres per minute. Two maintenance employees, overcome by the volume of leaking fuel, were unable to shut down a valve. The situation was critically volatile with the fear of a vapour explosion that could have claimed the lives of all on site, impacted all businesses around Port Botany and impacted the provision of fuel to the Sydney International Airport. Realising that unless supply was stopped an explosion was likely, Station Officer Morasso volunteered to enter the bund which contained around 13,000 litres of unleaded petrol, wading through knee deep fuel to successfully shut off the leaking valve. Regardless of the serious personal danger he faced, Station Officer Morasso undertook the perilous task to secure the safety of fellow firefighters and the surrounding community. He displayed tremendous courage in preventing a catastrophic explosion and fire in circumstances where he knew his life was in serious danger.

Commendations for Courageous Action

Individual Commendations

For courageous action during the major fuel leak at Caltex Banksmeadow Fuel Terminal on 12 July 2013:

5992	Inspector Jon Andrews
6882	Inspector Scott Rainnie
6345	Station Officer Maxwell Metzker
6599	Station Officer Stephen McFadyen
7278	Station Officer Craig Wearne
6792	Senior Firefighter Mark Maguire
7035	Senior Firefighter Donald Giles
7234	Senior Firefighter Russell Vance
8368	Senior Firefighter Glenn Sprod
8466	Senior Firefighter Erik Sullivan

8878	Senior Firefighter Eddie Vaysbakh
8988	Senior Firefighter Rodney Jackson
8996	Senior Firefighter Brett Martin
9061	Senior Firefighter Dominic Burke
9295	Senior Firefighter Nick Clarke
900325	Qualified Firefighter Mark Blackmore
8752	Qualified Firefighter Brendan Ebejer
9429	Qualified Firefighter Ryan Hartup
900330	Qualified Firefighter Kevin Blissett

For courageous action at a serious unit fire at West Terrace, Bankstown on 6 September 2012:

7230	Station Officer Daniel Bourne
6830	Senior Firefighter Gregory Flynn
8562	Senior Firefighter Mark Ettridge
8930	Senior Firefighter Kris Tuntevski
9023	Senior Firefighter Stuart McCorkell
9085	Senior Firefighter Peter Stibbard
9432	Qualified Firefighter Mitchell Parkes

For courageous action at a petrol tanker fire on Mona Vale Road, Warriewood on 1 October 2013:

9305	Qualified Firefighter Lloyd Mulder
900126	Qualified Firefighter George Cheeke

Note:

The notices in Commissioner's Order 2013/19 for courageous actions and meritorious service at a fire in a multi storey apartment block at West Terrace, Bankstown has been superseded by this Order:

Commendations for Meritorious Service

Individual Commendations

For meritorious service at a serious unit fire at West Terrace, Bankstown on 6 September 2012:

6499	Station Officer Mark Franklin
7538	Station Officer Ross Jones
8531	Senior Firefighter Cameron Brown
9256	Qualified Firefighter Todd Calderwood
900335	Qualified Firefighter Leewarra Wright

For meritorious service for his comprehensive investigation in reviewing and implementing improvements in firefighting personal protective clothing:

7421	Inspector Luke Unsworth
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For meritorious service for her actions at a motor vehicle accident at Welby on 30 May 2011 while off duty:

378048 Captain Michelle Hatton

For meritorious service in delivering a new and significant Facilitated Conferencing conflict resolution initiative across Fire & Rescue NSW in June 2011:

5797 Superintendent Stephen Davis
5947 Inspector Michael Wren
6672 Inspector Graham Jarrett
7125 Inspector Brendan Cox

For meritorious service in developing and implementing new procurement arrangements that will significantly benefit the organisation and community:

Guy Tesoriero, Assistant Director Contracts

For meritorious service for support to the Critical Incident Program:

7296 Station Officer Bruce Fitzpatrick

Commendations to members of the community

For their actions at a petrol tanker fire on Mona Vale Road, Warriewood on 1 October 2013:

Senior Deputy Captain Joshua Sheedy; NSW Rural Fire Service
Warringah/Pittwater

Mr Andrew Cochrane

Ms Maria Tosone

For his contributions in implementing SAP systems across emergency service agencies and in the Attorney Generals/Justice Cluster:

Gavin Brown

For his actions at a motor vehicle accident at Welby on 30 May 2011.

Mr Ben McLean

For his actions at a house fire at 37 Ugoa Street, Narrabri on 4 January 2012.

Mr Jordan Booby

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PROCEDURE

Transition to fluorine-free Class B foam

Procedure, *Transition to fluorine-free Class B low-expansion firefighting foam* has been published on the Firefighting foam toolkit of the FRNSW Intranet.

To address environmental concerns, FRNSW is transitioning from Niagara Class B foam concentrate to RF3x6 Class B foam concentrate. RF3x6 does not contain any persistent fluorinated film-forming or foaming agents (fluoro-surfactants).

RF3x6 has been extensively evaluated by FRNSW on a range of fuels and fires, and the concentrate performed well. It has also been independently certified to European and International Civil Aviation Organisation standards.

RF3x6 is suitable for fires involving both water miscible (e.g. ethanol) and water immiscible (e.g. petrol) fuels. It is also suitable for fires involving Class A fuels.

Highlights of the new procedure include the:

- transition arrangements to fluorine free Class B fire-fighting foam; and
- removal of all superseded foam from stations.

The 80 litre concentrate tank on Class 2 pumpers and the 200 litre concentrate tank on Class 3 pumpers and aerial pumpers will be drained by Fleet maintenance staff and filled with RF3x6.

The transition to RF3x6 will be managed by Fleet. Couplings on the appliance foam inlet and outlet must be replaced at the same time for compatibility with the new foam. Stations will be advised when they are scheduled for transition.

This procedure must be read by all firefighters and by all personnel involved in the storage and supply of firefighting foam.

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GENERAL

Region South Area Command Office - change of address

Region South Area Command Office has been relocated to a new site which became operational on 2 April 2014.

The new address is: Region South Area Command Office
Fire and Rescue NSW
Unit 2
56 Bayldon Road
Queanbeyan NSW 2620

The contact details remain unchanged:

Telephone: (02) 6284 2150

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File Reference: BN/1345.

PERMANENT FIREFIGHTERS NOTICES

Appointments

Position	No	Name	Date of Decision	Maximum Fortnightly Salary \$	Actual Fortnightly Salary at Date of Decision
Relieving Response Coordinator, Alexandria Inspector	6882	S Rainnie	31.01.14	4548.56	4134.12
Communications Operator Newcastle, Senior Firefighter	9132	T Cruden	08.10.13	3092.34	2764.54
Training & Assessment Officer, OS2	6468	G Solway	26.02.14	3696.62	2866.34
Communications Operator Alexandria, Qualified Firefighter	9413	T Puentes	09.03.14	3092.34	2869.94
Communications Operator Alexandria, Qualified Firefighter	9444	M Hockings	09.03.14	3092.34	2764.54
Communications Operator Alexandria, Qualified Firefighter	521488	P Martin	06.01.14	3092.34	2764.54

Promotions

Qualified Firefighter to Senior Firefighter

8935	M Smith	19 November 2013
9094	T Seyerl	5 December 2013
9123	M Nichols	4 November 2013
9176	N Hutcheson	6 May 2013
9219	A Young	5 December 2013
9250	J Scrivener	17 August 2013
9278	R Diefenbach	23 November 2014
9289	M Reischl	23 November 2013
9305	L Mulder	4 January 2014
9313	C Owsnett	15 January 2014
9398	B Pirie	29 August 2014
9421	M Carroll	21 November 2014

Firefighter Level 2 to Qualified Firefighter

901752	L Cridland	1 March 2014
901768	B Dempsey	1 March 2014
901452	N Cutler	25 March 2014
901447	W Matthews	3 April 2014

Separations

Retirements

5644	Supt G Parkes	28 March 2014
5797	Supt S Davis	4 April 2014
6232	SF G Wettengel	28 March 2014
6586	SF P Sutherland	5 March 2014

RETAINED FIREFIGHTERS NOTICES

New members appointed to Brigades

903256	T Christian	Kelso	11 March 2014
903281	J Ngaia	Bowral	21 March 2014
903282	P Fysh	South Grafton	24 March 2014
903285	M Wright	Teralba	26 March 2014
903291	J Patterson	Bundanoon	31 March 2014
903295	M O'Donoghue	Nelson Bay	1 April 2014
903296	R Armstrong	Trangie	1 April 2014
903297	J Hamilton	Alstonville	1 April 2014
903299	A Albury	Riverstone	1 April 2014
903300	M Turland	Mittagong	1 April 2014
903304	C Lawler	Grafton	3 April 2014

Appointed to Ranks

238055	RetF L Bock	Broken Hill South	Captain	7 March 2014
510019	RetF D Woods	Yamba	Captain	24 February 2014

Appointed as Engine Keepers

901872	RetF T Croker	Goulburn	Engine Keeper	7 March 2014
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Transfer

521482	RetF R Thorne	Moree	to	Armidale	21 March 2014
901867	RetF M Bartlett	Brewarrina	to	Delroy	25 March 2014
900403	RetF D Kennedy	Walgett	to	Telarah	28 March 2014
522006	RetF S Paul	Mittagong	to	Goonellabah	1 April 2014

Resignations

520370	RetF T Wolloff	Holmesville	26 February 2014
520526	RetF B Southers	Lawson	15 March 2014
82042	RetF G Hicks	Richmond	20 March 2014
343003	RetF E Ranse	Katoomba	25 March 2014
502020	RetF C Sawyer	Wingham	28 February 2014
902251	RetF J Wright	Port Macquarie	9 March 2014

Retirement

066006	RetF P East	Rhodes	15 March 2014
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Transferred to Honorary List

066006	RetF P East	Rhodes	15 March 2014
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A/Commissioner
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