

Tasmanian Volunteer Fire-fighters Awards Framework
Report for period 2003-2004

To: State Secretary TRVFA – State Secretary TVFBA
From: State Co-ordinator TVFFAF

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Nominations period 2003-2004:

The Tasmanian Volunteer Fire-fighters Awards Framework has again had a reasonably successful year with a total of 43 collective nominations for the TFS Volunteer Medal and TFS Volunteer Award.

Of those 43 nominations 23 were received from Retained Brigades with the balance 20 being received from Volunteer Brigades.

Of the 43 nominations 5 were for the TFS Volunteer Award (non operational persons) with 38 for the TFS Volunteer Medal.

5 of the nominations for the TFS Volunteer Medal were carried forward from the previous year on the basis of the nominating brigade having in excess of the 3 permitted annual nominations.

Funding for this year was as per past requests i.e.: \$2500 from each of the Associations. The funding request for 2004-2005 will be similar to this year, however consideration re an increase may well occur due to a requirement to purchase additional medal sets within the next two years.

This will cost some where in the area of \$7 to 8000 and as such will require a greater than average contribution from the members associations.

Presentations:

At the time of this report almost 50% of this years approved nominations are scheduled for or have been completed as presentations. I am please to say that in the majority of cases both SFC representatives have been supportive and made them selves available to make the presentations.

As and when they are not available nominees are sought as per the Rules to facilitate their absence.

As successful nominees have been advised as per the Rules this year however there are occasions that successful nominees do not follow-up the actual presentation with their Brigade Chief or appropriate Officer. This has on occasions created some difficulty when a brigade assumes that persons will be available to facilitate their requests, not knowing the requirements on a statewide basis.

Successful nominations are now advised to the Brigade Chief along with a copy of the TVFFAF Admin Instruction, which provides them with the knowledge and procedures to conclude the success of a brigade presentation function.

Whilst most of the nominations are coming in with sufficient information as part of the support statement, we must continue to advise all concerned that the award is not a service award as I have heard some members start to talk about both the Medal and Award.

The biennial meeting of the TVFFAF Committees will be scheduled for Dec 2004 at which the full financial statements will be provided and subsequent changes to the Rules will occur after a further two years of allocations.

The TVFFAF webpage has been upgraded with a copy of the nomination form now able to be downloaded from the webpage. The webpage address is www.tvffaf.org.au Details of AFSM Awardees have now been listed on the webpage and I am progressively adding the citation re the award to those who have since 1989 received the AFSM in the Tasmania Fire Service.

Further work is progressing with the intention of having the National Medal recipients from within the Tasmania Fire Service also listed. This will take some time and is not envisaged to be completed within the next 18 to 24 months.

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