

Tasmanian Volunteer Fire-fighters Awards Framework

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

Subject: Report for period 2004-2005

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Nominations period 2004-2005:

At the close of the nomination period this year the TVFFAF has only received the following number of nominations – in total 22.

TFS Volunteer Medals 2004-2005

Region:	Volunteer Brigade	Retained Volunteer Brigade
Northern	4 +3	3
North West	1	3
Southern	5 + 1	0
Total:	14	6

Note the +1 for the Southern Region is a nomination withheld from last year due to insufficient qualifying service – will go forward this year.

Note the +3 are for nominations received by email (acceptable) but full details - as at date of report - not yet received by State Co-ordinator.

TFS Volunteer Awards 2004-2005

Region:	Volunteer Brigades	Retained Volunteer Brigades
Northern	0	0
North West	0	0
Southern	2	0
Total:	2	0

Nominations since commencement of the TVFFAF:

Year of nomination	TFS Volunteer Medal	TFS Volunteer Award	Total (approved) Nominations
1999 - 2000	148	10	158
2000 - 2001	37	3	40
2001- 2002	34	1	35
2002 - 2003	43	5	48
2003 - 2004	36	5	41
2004 - 2005	20	2	22
Totals:	318	26	344

Funding:

No changes since previous years. Consideration was made for addition run of medals last year – initial procurement was for 400 medal sets in 1999. We have (after striking of this years nominations and subject to approval) in round figures some 60 medal sets left and will have to consider a further run towards the end of the year 2005. This should be for approx 100 medal sets and will cost approx \$4000.00 Funding for this year was as per past requests i.e.: \$2500 from each of the Associations. As indicated the funding request for 2005-2006 will be similar to this year, on the basis of us building up our reserve over the past two years to purchase a further run of medals.

Presentations:

At the time of this report almost 80% of last years (2003-2004) approved nominations have been completed as presentations. In most cases the SFC Representatives are making themselves available however at times there is a delay in advising of their availability. On occasions this does create problems obtaining replacements at the last minute. Unless the State Co-ordinator is the conduit to facilitate these changes there can be a breakdown advising brigades who will actually complete the presentations.

A couple of brigades are “dragging the chain” in relation to presentations. If State Secretaries can assist in getting these completed it would be appreciated. A listing of outstanding presentations is available under separate cover. Should State Secretaries require that please email for the listing.

Web Page www.tvffaf.org.au

Our web master Brian Coward from Bell Bay Brigade has upgraded the webpage over the past few months – could I suggest that you touch base and see for yourself.

The AFSM section is now all but completed with the citations of all awardees being listed.

The “Conditions and Rules of the TVFFAF” have been added (March 2005) along with other documentations. I intend having some photos included to indicate the correct wearing of awards and their locations on the TFS Uniform within the next few months –similar to that which occurred (at our request) in the Fireground some issues ago. This hopefully will assist us with the correct wearing of medals and awards.

Similarly if there are any appropriate photos of presentations I am prepared to put them up also on the web page as promotional features for the Framework.

As indicated in the previous years report, work is still progressing with the intention of having the National Medal recipients from within the Tasmania Fire Service also listed. This will be alphabetical. I have the records as at 2002-2003 so will have to update them again to implement this area. – it will be some time yet before it is on the web page – hopefully during this year 2005 – it will be completed.

With the webpage “telling the full story” and having available the nomination form and other documents with the ability to “download” is extremely beneficial. However I would ask all members of the Volunteer Association management areas to openly promote the Framework and the awards available.

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