

Report for TVFBA re TVFFAF 2005-2006

The TVFFAF has over the last twelve months consolidated a number of aspects including:

- A rewrite of the rules for the TFS Volunteer Medal & Award.
- An upgrade of the nomination form to include much needed information.
- A review of the method of operations for the Awards Review Committee and the introduction of video conferences to discuss recommendations on an annual basis. This has dramatically cut down the travel times for members re these meetings.
- The establishment of the rules and conditions plus the production of the TFS Youth Award which will be first presented from November 2007.

The 2006-2007 year of nominations for the TFS Volunteer Medal and TFS Volunteer Award has continued similarly to the previous three years with a total of 25 nominations being received. Out of that 25, 3 were returned (carried over till 2007-2008) due to their lateness in arrival with the State Co-ordinator. This was a recommendation from the Awards Review Committee and subsequently approved by the Awards Management Committee. The nomination sin question were satisfactory re info etc but were received only a few days before the Awards Review Committee addresses the collective nominations at their annual meeting.

For this reporting period there were:

25 nominations received:

- 9 from Retained Brigades
- 13 from Volunteer Brigades
- 3 carried over till 2007-2008 (from Volunteer Brigades)

It was notable that there were no nominations for the TFS Volunteer Award received this period..

The TFS Youth Award has been established and a article placed in Fireground to promote the Award. Separate Rules & Conditions have been established and both the nomination form plus rules can be viewed on the TVFFAF webpage and down loaded as required.

The funding for this award was met from within the existing funds of the Framework. Funds for the 2007-2008 will remain at \$2500 per Association although that may need reviewing over the next two years. The Framework will have. been operating for 10 years at the end of 2008 with no increase in funding assistance requested over that period..

Nominations for the TFS Volunteer Medal, Award and the TFS Youth Award will all be the same from the period 2007-2008.

The initial nomination period for the TFS Youth Award commenced in June 2007 and closes on 1st November 2007. These nominations will be reviewed by the State Co-ordinator and approved by the Management Committee for presentation ASAP after 1st November 2007.

The Awards Review Committee consists of 2 TVFBA reps and 2 TRFFA reps (Chaired by the State Co-ordinator) and as previously indicated meet annual using video conferencing. We thank these members for their commitment and participation.

The Management Committee has Mr Bruce Corbett AFSM and Mr Robert Atkins AFSM as members with the State Co-ordinator Mr Don Mackrill AFSM OAM also as a member..

This committee has met on three occasions during the reporting period with one of those meeting including the DCO (Mike Brown AFSM) to discuss and receive the TFS support for the TFS Youth Award.

The TVFFAF Management Committee continues to assist with the administration and subsequent organisation of the annual dinner for AFSM recipients. This year (2007) the dinner will be held in the NW Region.

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