

Two thousand years of fire service recognised

A STAGGERING 2,000 years of accumulated fire fighting service has been recognised with the presentation of prestigious national medals and clasps.

Environment Minister Dr Judy Edwards presented 110 Department and Forest Products Commission officers, crews and support staff with the highly-regarded awards.

The medal is awarded for 15 years' service, while clasps for each subsequent 10 years' service.

Held on January 25, the ceremony acknowledged several staff who had given more than 35 years' service to the Department's fire management and protection operations.

The Department's Fire Management Services Manager Rick Sneeuwjagt said it

was important to recognise the expertise and dedication of fire services staff in dealing with a high risk area such as fire.

He said the medals and clasps, awarded through the Governor-General's office, were something that recipients could reflect on and be proud of.

"What's not recognised is what their families endure as they are often away on weekends and nights – but they do that as part of the job," Rick said.

Rick said participants at the Minister's presentation came from nearly all regions throughout WA and many were accompanied by their partners and family.

Presentations will be held in rural areas during the year for those who were unable to attend the Perth presentation on January 25.



*From left: Graham Liddelow, Rod Simmonds, Graham Norrish, Ian Wilson and Peter Keppel.
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