Saturday 20 October, 2012

Two new life members for SA State Emergency Service

Two long-serving members of the SA State Emergency Service (SES) will tonight be awarded Life Membership Awards.

Donald Skinner (Ceduna Unit) and Peter Rawnsley (Whyalla Unit) have given 35 years of service to the SES and will be presented with their Life Membership Awards at the SES Awards Dinner by the Minister for Emergency Services, the Hon Jennifer Rankine.

SES Chief Officer Chris Beattie paid tribute to the two new life members.

"Both Donald and Peter have given an extraordinary amount of their time to the State Emergency Service. We greatly appreciate their ongoing commitment to helping their local communities stay safe during storms, floods, road crashes and other major incidents," Mr Beattie said.

SES Life Membership Awards were first presented in 2010.

Other awards presented tonight include the inaugural SES Cadet of the Year award which will be presented to Matthew Hinton from the Mount Barker Unit.

A National Medial will be presented to Stefan Bilka, the Andamooka SES Unit Manager, and a 1st Clasp to the National Medal will be presented to Danny Wood, the District Officer for the Riverland.

An SES 10-Year Service Medal will be presented to Deirdra Klemm (Laura Unit) while Phil Tann, the Training Coordinator for the Tea Tree Gully Unit, will receive a Chief Officer's Commendation for his exceptional efforts in organising a training exercise at the Banksia Park Primary School earlier this year.

The SASES Volunteers' Association will also present the Keith Lane Award at tonight's dinner.

First presented in 2004, the Keith Lane Award is awarded to honour the late Keith Lane, an early founding member of the association.

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