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2013 NORTHERN TERRITORY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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Nominations are now open for the 2013 Northern Territory Volunteer of the Year Awards.

Chief Minister, Terry Mills, called for nominations today as part of International Volunteers Day.

“I am very pleased to announce a new award this year specifically recognising Emergency Services volunteers,” Mr Mills said.

“Emergency Services volunteers are highly trained and skilled to provide critical front line responses including search and rescue, road accident rescue and natural disasters responses.

“I firmly believe the strength and quality of our community organisations only survive through the spirit of volunteerism. These awards celebrate, recognise and reward this invaluable contribution our volunteers make.

“This is our chance to say thank you to all our hard working volunteers.”

The awards have five categories:

Individual

- The Chief Minister's Medal for Volunteering Achievement, which recognises the outstanding achievements of a volunteer
- The Chief Minister's Medal for Volunteering Service, which recognises the long-term service and commitment of a volunteer
- The Chief Minister's Medal for Emergency Service, which recognises the service by an emergency services volunteer

Organisation

- The Volunteering SA&NT Award for Organisational Excellence, which recognises a small organisation's commitment to best practice in managing volunteers
- The Volunteering SA&NT Award for Organisational Excellence, which recognises a large organisation's commitment to best practice in managing volunteers

The winners of the three individual categories will each receive \$2500 to donate to a not-for-profit organisation of their choice.

The winning small organisation will receive \$3000 and the winning large organisation will receive \$2000. Nominations for the awards close on 15 March 2013.

For more information or to nominate, visit <http://www.dcm.nt.gov.au/volunteers>

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