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Fire Commissioner's Commendation

The Fire Commissioner's Commendation is a formal means of recognising the specific actions of individuals in times of emergency or other extenuating circumstances.

The intent of the Commendation is to recognise acts of bravery or other safety related actions that help minimize the loss of the life or property from fire.

The Fire Commissioner's Commendation is available to members of the public as well as the fire service. The program is coordinated through the Regional Offices of the Fire Commissioner.

In order to apply for a commendation from the Fire Commissioner, a local fire chief or a local assistant must send a letter of request to the Regional Fire Commissioner for their area, outlining the incident and the person's actions.

The Regional Fire Commissioner will review each request and make recommendation to the Fire Commissioner. Commendations will then be forwarded for presentation at the local level.

Media coverage and promotion of the Commendation will be left to the local authority and hopefully, this will provide a means of promoting public fire safety awareness, through the recognition of others.

The Commendation is not intended as a means of recognition for length of service as there are other formal provisions established for long service recognition.

The contents of this Information Bulletin are not intended to be provided as legal advice and should not be relied upon as legal advice.

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