Ordering Medals

A form is enclosed based on New Zealand Fire Service SMS records and UFBA records from 2001. A pre-populated list has been compiled giving details of which members of your brigade are eligible to receive medals and who are eligible to receive bars.

An order form is attached for you to send to the UFBA for your brigade. The medals will be available for presentation from December this year.

Completed application forms should be returned to:

United Fire Brigades’ Association
PO Box 56079
Tawa
Wellington 5649

Contact Jane Davie at the UFBA on 04 237 2683 or email jane@ufba.org.nz with queries.

Engraving

The UFBA is able to engrave your medals at a cost of $4 per medal. If you wish to have your brigade’s medals engraved, please ensure you indicate this on the enclosed form.
Presentation of The International Year of Volunteers +10 Medal and Bar

It is a decade since the first International Year of Volunteers in 2001. Now the United Nations has called for this anniversary to be marked around the world. This is an excellent opportunity to acknowledge the volunteer firefighters who contribute so much to your brigade and to your community, to recognise their employers and to raise public awareness of volunteerism.

This document details the eligibility criteria for medal and/or bar recipients, and provides suggestions for how your brigade can make the best of this special occasion. Invite local dignitaries, notify your local newspapers and make the people within your community aware of the significance of the International Year of Volunteers +10. For additional information and a media release template, visit www.ufba.org.nz.

Medal/Bar Purpose

The medal and/or bar is being presented on behalf of the New Zealand Fire Service Commission and the United Fire Brigades’ Association to recognise the valuable contribution made by volunteer firefighters. It is important that these medals and/or bars are presented to volunteer firefighters in a public ceremony to mark the importance of the occasion.

Eligibility Criteria

A medal will be awarded to:

- Each volunteer who has served for a period of no less than 90 days in the International Year of Volunteers, from 5 December 2010 to 31 August 2011

A bar will be awarded to:

- Each volunteer who received an International Year of the Volunteer medal in 2001 and is currently a full member of a New Zealand Fire Service Volunteer Fire Brigade

Invite

- a local dignitary to present the awards, such as the Mayor, or someone else of equal standing from your area
- all volunteers receiving the medal and their families
- those employers who are supporters of the brigade and allow their staff time off to be volunteer firefighters
- local media

You could combine the function with an opportunity to recognise the contribution of employers.

Order of Proceedings

1. Welcome from Chief Fire Officer
2. Medal presentation to volunteer firefighters
3. Recognition of employers
4. Refreshments

Please note:

You can use the occasion to present other medals at the completion of International Year of Volunteer medal presentation.