

Commissioners Award – Cadet Division of the Year

Background

The Commissioners Award – Cadet Division of the Year was instituted in 2000 to recognise a cadet division that has provided youth development opportunities to its members and support to Volunteer First Aid Services of the Northern Territory.

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The Commissioners Award – Cadet Division of the Year will be made each year to the division considered **the most exceptional Cadet Division** in the Northern Territory.

The successful division nominated for the trophy will:

- For the period of one year following the announcement, be known as the '*Cadet Division of the Year*';
- Receive the Commissioners Award – Cadet Division of the Year Trophy;

Selection Criteria for the Commissioners Award – Cadet Division of the Year

The Commissioners Award – Cadet Division of the Year is open to all cadet divisions of Volunteer First Aid Services in the NT.

Essential criteria:

- training program is provided to the Territory Officer Cadets and parents in advance of every term
- NCO's and officers given appropriate responsibilities and job descriptions
- regular social events
- majority of members complete yearly skills requirement
- officers and adult assistants obtain ochre card
- minimum of two cadet proficiency badges and two junior interest badges taught in a school/calendar year

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Essential criteria (cont'd):

- members encouraged to attend public duties
- inclusion of community & families at divisional events – ie divisional inspections
- promotion & development of members within the division
- members dressed in correct uniform
- retention of members
- participate in cadet first aid competitions or assist in the organisation of cadet first aid competitions
- members interact and communicate well with members of the public, peers and senior officers
- officers fulfil the necessary administrative requirements

Desirable criteria:

- cadet officers support their cadets at public duties
- officers complete leadership training
- officers complete child protection training
- fundraising activities
- promotion of division and St John Ambulance Australia in the general community
- active recruitment of members

Judging of the Commissioners Award – Cadet Division of the Year

A panel of up to three members and/or officers will be coordinated by the Territory Superintendent, who will consider all Cadet Divisions and may conduct interviews. This panel will make a nomination for the award to the Commissioner.

Announcement of the Award

The Commissioner or delegate will announce the winner at the Annual Awards presentation to be held in November each year.

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