



Major SAPOL Awards

The Awards and Recognition Unit administer South Australia Police award processes along with the National Medal and other private awards e.g. those of the Royal Humane Society. The following medals and awards were presented in the reporting period 2025-26.

Type of Award	Number of Awards
Overseas Medal/Certificate	0
Australian Police Medal	6
National Emergency Medal with Bushfires 2019-2020 Clasp	28
National Police Service Medal ²	328
National Medals and Clasps ²	510
Police Bravery Medal	9
Leadership and Efficiency Medal	1
SAPOL Emergency Response Active Service Medal (COVID-19 Major Emergency Declaration) ⁴	156
SAPOL Emergency Response Active Service Certificates (COVID-19 Major Emergency Declaration) ⁴	31
SAPOL Service Medals and Clasps ¹	605
SAPOL Service Awards ³	103
Certificate of Commendation	10
Certificate of Merit	8
Police Officer of the Year	1
Recognition of Service Certificates ⁵	184

1. Presented to sworn employees (current and former).
2. Presented to sworn employees (current and former) and Police Security Officers (National medal and clasps per the Commissioner's determination dated 16 February 2023).
3. Presented to non-sworn employees (current and former) employed under the Public Sector Act 2009.
4. Presented to sworn and non-sworn members for active service during the Covid-19 Major Emergency Declaration (22 March 2020 to 24 May 2022).
5. Presented to sworn and non-sworn retired employees with more than 15 years service

Further information:

- On 2 December 2020, the Governor-General declared the Bushfires 2019-20 as a nationally significant emergency for the purpose of the National Emergency Medal. Service during this nationally significant emergency is recognised through the clasp 'Bushfires 19-20'. The National Emergency Medal with Bushfires 2019-20 Clasp is awarded to a member for sustained service in the protection of lives and property, or in the service of interests that are not their own, in direct response to the declared emergency.
- The Emergency Response Active Service (ERAS) Medal is a Level 1 Service Award that recognises members who have demonstrated significant sacrifice, commitment and professionalism in responding to major events and emergencies in South Australia. The Covid-19 ERAS Medal recognises members who worked more than 180 days on active service during the Covid-19 Major Emergency Declaration (22 March 2020 to 24 May 2022). The outstanding contribution of our workforce showed tenacity and adaptability through unique and exceptional circumstances to maintain safer communities across the state.

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