Volunteers are modern-day heroes

The Northern Territory's response to the recent Bali bombings highlighted the incredible contribution volunteers make to the community, Deputy Chief Minister Syd Stirling said today.

Mr Stirling will host a function in honour of the Territory's police, fire and emergency services volunteers at Parliament House this afternoon to coincide with International Volunteers Day.

"The contribution that our volunteers made in assisting the repatriation of injured Australians, visitors and their families following the Bali bombings was a shining example of the dedication and professionalism of our volunteers," Mr Stirling said.

"They are the backbone of our community.

"The contribution our police, fire and emergency services volunteers in particular make in protecting and assisting Territorians is invaluable.

"Whether they are responding to bushfires, road accidents, cyclones or any other kind of emergency incident, our volunteers are always on stand-by, ready to give their time and effort to the cause at hand.

"They freely give hundreds of thousands of hours to the community.

"In monetary terms, this equates to millions of dollars in time and effort. Government could not adequately provide these services without their assistance."


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