



AFPA Bulletin: Four Tier Membership Loyalty Program

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To reward long standing members, the Australian Federal Police Association is introducing a Membership Loyalty Program which will come into effect later this year.

A letter was mailed out from this office to member's home addresses prior to Christmas, which included your 2010 membership card, as well as our President's Christmas message. In this message, our President Jon Hunt-Sharman announced that there were to be increases in member benefits in the 2010 membership year.

The first of these was the introduction on 1 January 2010 of the ***Emergency Assistance Benefit of \$10,000***. We have found that families have encountered problems with frozen bank accounts, need for immediate travel of relatives and other unforeseen expenses at the time of a member's death. This new benefit is aimed at immediately helping a deceased member's family at a traumatic time in their lives. It is over and above the current unconditional ***\$100,000 Death Benefit***.

Shortly you will be receiving an email advising you of your membership status for the proposed 4 Tier Membership Loyalty Program. As its title suggests, the purpose of this program is to reward continuous and long standing AFPA members with increased benefits.

The proposed changes will provide proportional increases in benefits based on continuity of AFPA membership. The goal is to provide incentives for members to join the AFPA right at the start of their AFP career and maintain their AFPA membership continuously throughout their AFP employment. Current member benefits will form the base level of benefits under the program. This means that while for a lot of members there will be an immediate increase in benefits and services, no member will have their benefits reduced.

The AFPA is also pleased to advise that **no increase in member fees** will be required to fund this new and exciting initiative. It is anticipated that this new program will commence on 1 July 2010, pending finalisation of the independent actuarial analysis.

If you have not yet received your 2010 AFPA membership card, please advise the AFPA National Office as soon as possible on afpa.office@afpa.org.au

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