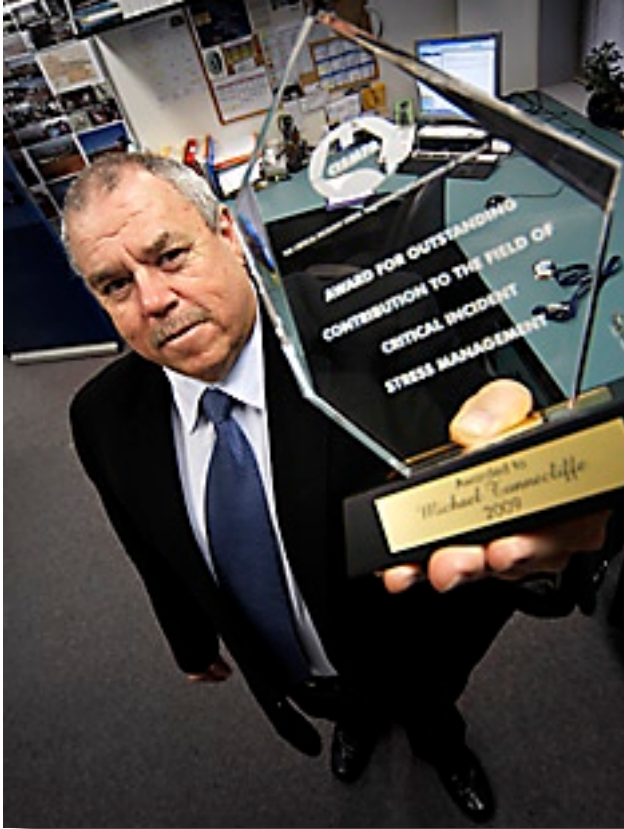


Top recognition for stress management expert



Psychology Unit's Michael Tunnecliffe received the award for outstanding contribution to the field of critical incident stress management.

publications, including *How to Understand and Manage Stress* and *How to Manage the Stress of Traumatic Incidents*.

"It's great to be recognised for an award like this by a major organisation in my field," he said. "It takes more than just one person to put together these policies and the publications, so there are a lot of people at Health and Welfare Services who have helped achieve this."

Psychology Unit Executive Manager Michael Tunnecliffe's work developing and reviewing WA Police critical incident stress management policy has been recognised with an award from the Critical Incident Stress Management Foundation of Australia.

The award for outstanding contribution to the field of critical incident stress management was presented at the foundation's national conference in Melbourne, where Mr Tunnecliffe was the only Western Australian to receive an award.

An experienced Clinical Psychologist, Mr Tunnecliffe joined WA Police Health and Welfare Services in 2007, having previously established peer support and critical incident stress management programs with police, fire, ambulance and rescue services throughout Australia and New Zealand.

As well as managing the Psychology Unit, Mr Tunnecliffe provides counselling, critical incident response and works closely with welfare officers, chaplains and other psychologists to continually monitor the stress support provided to frontline officers. He has also authored a number of