

media alert

World Police and Fire Games Club
South Australia



Firefighters assist child burns survivors

Wednesday, 3 August 2011

Professional firefighters will make a special donation to assist child burns survivors this week, before heading overseas to compete in the World Police and Fire Games (WPFG).

This year, the games will be held in **New York** from 26 August until 5 September, just prior to the **10 year anniversary of the September 11 attacks**.

On Thursday, South Australia's World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) Club members will **donate \$30,000 to the Women's and Children's Hospital** to assist child burns survivors.

The WPFG Club comprises Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) and Aviation (ARFF) Firefighters, who donate to the hospital's burns service every two years. Funds are raised through the sale of the club's biennial Firefighters' Calendar, quiz nights and barbeques.

The club's Treasurer, Mark Searcy, said the latest donation brings the collective total of donations the club has made to the hospital, to \$170,000.

"As firefighters, we understand the impact a burns injury can have on a child and their family. We're pleased our donation will help survivors on their way to recovery, and support the excellent work of the hospital and its hardworking staff," Mr Searcy said.

Mr Phil Robinson, Executive Director, Acute Services with the Women's and Children's Health Network said this is a wonderful and generous gift to the Hospital from the World Police and Fire Games Club members.

"Burns injuries often require intensive treatment over a long period of time and this can have a huge impact on the family of a child who has suffered burns. The assistance we can give these children and their families as a result of donations like this certainly helps them on their road to recovery."

"On behalf of the Women's and Children's Hospital, I would like to thank the WPFG Club and wish all the South Australian team members the best of luck as they compete in New York later this month," he said.

WHAT: \$30,000 donation for child burns survivors

WHEN: 10 am on Thursday, 4 August 2011

WHERE: Engine Room, MFS Headquarters, 99 Wakefield St, Adelaide
(Media can report to reception.)

PHOTO AND INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:

Media are welcome to attend the cheque presentation at MFS Headquarters, where World Police and Fire Games competitors will present the \$30,000 cheque to Women's and Children's Hospital representatives.

South Australia's WPFG Club competitors will be joined by the hospital's Medical Head of Burns, Tony Sparnon, Executive Director, Acute Services, Phil Robinson and Advanced Clinical Practice Consultant, Linda Quinn. MFS Commander, Michael Morgan will also be present.

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*World Police and Fire Games
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For more information about the games, visit: <http://2011wpfg.org/>