

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



Regional MFS stations receive awards

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Four Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) stations have received awards at the conclusion of this year's regional proficiency and safety audit, with Victor Harbor taking out two of the awards this year.

All 17 regional MFS stations participated in the annual assessment process, which gives retained firefighters the opportunity to showcase their skills, community spirit and commitment to public safety.

The results of the **2021 Regional Operations Audit and Proficiency Assessment** are:

Assessment Result	Station Awarded	Award Name
First Place	Loxton MFS Station	Chief Officer's Shield
Second Place	Tanunda MFS Station	Regional Command Shield
Third Place	Victor Harbor MFS Station	Regional Assistant Chief Officer's Shield
Most Improved	Victor Harbor MFS Station	Most Improved Shield
Family Friendly	Mt Gambier MFS Station	Family Friendly Regional Station*

- *The Family Friendly Regional Station Award is presented by the SA Branch of the United Firefighters Union.*

MFS Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO) of Regional Operations, Colin Lindsay commended the hard work, high standards and commitment demonstrated by all regional MFS firefighters during station assessments.

"Congratulations to the four stations receiving awards; I know how hard they, and all the regional stations, worked to prepare their station and equipment to the highest standard for the audit and proficiency assessment."

"It becomes more difficult each year to select the stations to receive awards due to the outstanding efforts of all MFS regional stations."

"Each station went to exceptional efforts in preparing for their assessments, including station preparation and regular practise of the training drills and equipment checks," ACFO Lindsay said.

MFS retained (part-time) firefighters are valuable members of their communities. They respond to emergency incidents to protect the community, local businesses and the major infrastructure in towns and cities across regional South Australia.

The MFS also acknowledges and thanks retained personnel and their families for their commitment both to the fire service and the community.

Retained MFS firefighters from the following regional MFS stations participated in the assessment process: **Kapunda, Peterborough, Murray Bridge, Wallaroo, Victor Harbor, Tanunda, Kadina, Whyalla, Pt Augusta, Pt Pirie, Moonta, Berri, Pt Lincoln, Mt Gambier, Renmark, Loxton and Mt Barker.**

If members of the public are interested in becoming a Retained (part-time) MFS Firefighter in a regional area, they can visit the MFS website at: www.mfs.sa.gov.au and click on 'join us'.

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