

# media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



## South East to benefit from MFS RAP presentations

Tuesday, 10th May 2016

**South East** secondary school students will confront the realities of driving when the Metropolitan Fire Service's (MFS) Road Awareness Program (RAP) visits the region this week.

MFS firefighters will be joined by guest presenter and road crash survivor Yudhi Moham-Ram, who will share his story. Yudhi was on a motorbike when he was hit by a P-Plater who ran a stop-sign. He spent 46 days in a coma and was given a 10 % chance of survival.

MFS RAP Coordinator, Station Officer Rod Campbell said RAP is a hard-hitting yet positive program that's delivered to licence aged secondary school students across South Australia.

"While the program can be emotional and challenging for the students, it leaves them feeling uplifted and empowered to create positive changes in driver behaviour on the roads, including positive peer pressure amongst their friendship groups."

RAP will highlight just how many people are impacted by a fatal or serious injury road crash.

"People tend to think it's just close friends and family who are impacted by a serious road crash, when in fact it can run into the hundreds of people who are left traumatised, saddened and devastated. Road tragedies can be acutely painful for close-knit regional communities," MFS Station Officer Campbell said.

The use of mobile phones by drivers and pedestrians will also be a focus of the program.

"The dangers of using a mobile phone while driving are *very* real. It has the potential to cause a driver to lose their own life or cause the loss of other lives, including those of their friends. Mobile phone use is one of the key road risks students will learn about," MFS Station Officer Campbell said.

The MFS Road Awareness Program (RAP) has reached more than 126,000 licence aged drivers across South Australia since it began in 2005. The program is funded by the State Government and is supported by sponsors the RAA, Adelaide BMW, the Motor Accident Commission (MAC) and the Australian Professional Firefighters Foundation (APFF) charity.

**WHAT:** **South East students urged to look after their mates** at MFS Road Awareness Program (RAP) presentations (session details below)

Date	Time	Location	Duration
Tues, 10 May	9.00 am	Mt Gambier High School	100 minutes
Tues, 10 May	1.30 pm	St Martins Lutheran School	100 minutes
Wed, 11 May	8.50 am	Grant High School, Mt Gambier	100 minutes
Wed, 11 May	1.30 pm	Tenison Woods College	100 minutes
Thurs, 12 May	1.40 pm	Millicent High School	100 minutes
Fri, 13 May	9.00 am	Kingston Community School	100 minutes

**Media are welcome to attend the RAP sessions listed above** for filming, photograph and interview opportunities. MFS RAP Coordinators Rod Campbell, Brad Ryan and road crash survivor, Yudhi Mohan – Ram will be available for interview.

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