

# media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



## MFS offers family fun at the Adelaide Show!

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Royal Adelaide Show organisers have identified the Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) stand as a fabulous, fun, low-cost activity for families.

A long-standing family favourite, the MFS stand offers the following activities:

- An educational journey down **'Livelonga Lane'** to learn strategies to safely escape a house fire and call '000' for help
- Children can dress up as a firefighter, have their photos taken and be the heroes in their own take-home fire safety story-book
- Children can practise 'Stop, cover, drop and roll' so they know what to do if their clothes catch on fire
- Adults can seek home fire safety information about Home Fire Escape Plans, smoke alarms and how to make their home fire safe.

MFS Fire Cause Investigator, Shaun Ruxton said the fire service stand is designed to offer families fun activities that teach key home fire safety messages.

"Our stand is all about having fun – but also about saving lives. Through 'Livelonga Lane', we teach the importance of families having a Home Fire Escape Plan that they have practised together.

"Children and families learn that an escape plan includes well maintained, photoelectric smoke alarms, knowing how to escape from their home in a fire and to plan and practise what to do ahead of time," MFS Commander Ruxton said.

"The MFS advises that children should be central to a home fire escape plan and included in the planning and practising process, to ensure that everyone knows what to do when they hear the sound of a smoke alarm," he said.

Each year, the MFS welcomes up to 12,000 children and adults through its Royal Adelaide Show stand in the Goyder/Jubilee Pavilion area.

Visitors to the stand are asked for a gold coin donation if they want to have their photograph taken, but all other activities are free. All donations go to the Australian Professional Firefighters Foundation, a South Australian not-for-profit charity that supports families affected by fire, child burns survivors and the Women's and Children's Hospital Newland Ward for children.

**Visit the MFS stand at the Royal Adelaide Show in the Goyder/Jubilee Pavilion area.**

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