

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



Pageant day tradition with MFS Open Day

Friday, 11 November 2016

The Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) will open Adelaide Fire Station to the public after the Credit Union Christmas Pageant sweeps through the city on Saturday.

A popular annual tradition, it will be the seventh time **MFS Open Day** has been held at the station on Pageant Day since 2010.

The free, family-friendly event attracts a large crowd after Santa and his sleigh pass by Adelaide Fire Station on Wakefield Street. Doors open from 11.00 am until 2.30 pm.

South Australia's emergency services will be represented, with the opportunity to meet MFS and Country Fire Service (CFS) firefighters, State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers, plus South Australia Police (SAPOL) and SA Amubulance Service (SAAS) representatives.

Event highlights

MFS Open Day provides an insight into the inner workings of a professional fire station and the chance to meet firefighters and staff.

Highlights include a close-up look at fire appliances, emergency vehicles and equipment, road crash rescue training and Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) abseiling demonstrations.

The public can enquire about the recruitment path to becoming a firefighter, learn the common causes of house fires and how to prevent and survive them.

A range of home fire safety education material will be available, including how to develop and practise a Home Fire Escape Plan.

Children can also attempt to become the fastest at our Stop, Cover, Drop and Roll game, which is designed to help them know what to do if their clothes catch alight.

A barbeque and refreshments will be available, with all proceeds going to the Australian Professional Firefighters Foundation (APFF). The Emergency Services Minister Peter Malinauskas is Patron of the charity, which is run by MFS and Adelaide Airport firefighters who volunteer their time to raise funds for the Women's and Children's Hospital's burns unit.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Emergency Services, Peter Malinauskas

With so many people visiting the heart of Adelaide on Credit Union Christmas Pageant day, the MFS Open Day provides families with additional, free family fun straight after the pageant.

I encourage people who are curious about the inner workings of the Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) to make the time to visit Adelaide Fire Station and meet the dedicated firefighters and staff who protect our community.

They'll be joined by CFS firefighters, SES volunteers, SAPOL and SAAS representatives who'll also showcase appliances, vehicles and equipment.

Quotes attributable to MFS Chief Officer, Greg Crossman

MFS Open Day is a great opportunity for the community to connect with MFS firefighters and see the appliances, equipment and tools we use to protect lives, property, businesses and infrastructure.

It's also a chance to have some family fun while learning potentially life-saving messages about home fire safety, not to mention road safety via our Road Awareness Program (RAP).

Joining us will be our emergency services colleagues from the CFS, SES, SAPOL and SAAS, who'll provide an insight into their vital emergency services roles.

Media Note: Media are welcome to attend MFS Open Day at Adelaide Fire Station at 12.20 pm on Saturday, 12 November when the Minister for Emergency Services, Peter Malinauskas and MFS Chief Officer, Greg Crossman will be available for interview. (Report to rear yard, 99 Wakefield St, Adelaide.)

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