

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



Regional MFS stations rewarded

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In 2011, five regional Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) stations have received awards after completing the annual MFS Regional Proficiency and Operational Assessments.

Each year, 16 regional MFS stations are assessed and have the chance to be awarded one of five honours; the Chief Officer's Shield, Regional Operations Shield, Regional Commander's Shield, Most Improved award and the Family Friendly award.

The 2011 results are as follows:

- **CHIEF OFFICER'S SHIELD – TANUNDA MFS**
- **REGIONAL OPERATIONS SHIELD – LOXTON MFS**
- **REGIONAL COMMANDERS SHIELD – RENMARK MFS**
- **MOST IMPROVED - PORT AUGUSTA MFS**
- **FAMILY FRIENDLY REGIONAL STATION AWARD – MOONTA MFS**
(Presented by the United Fire Fighters Union of South Australia.)

For Tanunda MFS, it is the first time the station has received the highest honour of the Chief Officer's Shield since 1978.

MFS Chief Officer, Grant Lupton said each firefighter should be proud of the standard of presentation of their stations and appliances.

"The annual regional assessments are an opportunity for each regional station to showcase their compliance with procedures, safety standards, uniforms, station presentation, appliance care, maintenance and practical fire fighting skills."

"I'd like to congratulate each station for the level of excellence and commitment on display. The 260 retained (part time) MFS firefighters employed in 16 major centres across regional South Australia provide an important service to the community. This cannot be achieved without the support of family, friends and in many cases, their primary employers," Chief Officer Lupton said.

During the assessment phase, MFS Commanders, Chris Smith and Michael Morgan visited Kapunda, Mt Gambier, Peterborough, Victor Harbor, Murray Bridge, Tanunda, Whyalla, Port Augusta, Loxton, Port Lincoln, Port Pirie, Wallaroo, Kadina, Moonta, Renmark and Berri MFS stations.

Commander, Chris Smith said, "Every firefighter put great effort into preparing their stations and appliances in the lead up to the assessment evenings. On behalf of the MFS, I'd like to thank each station for their enthusiasm and effort," Commander Smith said.

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

Mid North MFS – 8243 6550

Riverland MFS – 8586 3577

South East MFS – 8725 1330

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