

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



Smoke drifts south of Wingfield recycling fire

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Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) firefighters continue to work to extinguish a fire at a recycling facility on Hanson Road at Wingfield in Adelaide's north.

In all, 60 MFS firefighters from 15 appliances are responding to the blaze which is burning in recycling materials in and around a large recycling shed. Wind is causing smoke to drift across suburbs south of Wingfield.

Front end loaders and excavators are being used to separate and extinguish piles of burning recycling material. SA Ambulance Service paramedics are monitoring firefighters for potential heat stress due to the hot conditions, however no firefighters are injured.

MFS Commander, Michael Morgan says that members of the public should not be concerned by the smoke.

"Those travelling in the area, including motorists on the Port River Expressway should exercise caution as smoke may reduce visibility."

"Residents in the area are advised to close doors and windows until the smoke passes," he said.

People with respiratory problems are advised to stay inside and close all doors and windows until the smoke has passed.

While the MFS is aware of smoke in the Wingfield area, it does advise residents that should they observe a different fire burning unattended, that they should call Triple Zero immediately.

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