

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



Regional MFS stations awarded

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Five Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) stations have been recognised as part of the organisation's annual regional proficiency and safety audit.

The 16 regional MFS stations (that are outside the general Metropolitan area and located throughout South Australia) participated in the annual assessment process, giving firefighters the opportunity to demonstrate their skills, community spirit and commitment to public safety.

The results of the **2013 Regional Operations Audit and Proficiency Assessment** are:

Assessment Result	Station Awarded	Award Name
<i>First Place</i>	<i>Loxton MFS Station</i>	<i>Chief Officer's Shield</i>
<i>Second Place</i>	<i>Moonta MFS Station</i>	<i>Regional Command Shield</i>
<i>Third Place</i>	<i>Berri MFS Station</i>	<i>Regional Assistant Chief Officer's Shield</i>
<i>Most Improved</i>	<i>Murray Bridge MFS Station</i>	<i>Most Improved Shield</i>
<i>Family Friendly</i>	<i>Mt Gambier MFS Station</i>	<i>Family Friendly Regional Station*</i>

* The Family Friendly Regional Station Award is presented by the SA Branch of the United Firefighters Union.

MFS Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Chris Smith who is responsible for Regional Operations assessed each regional station and said he continues to be impressed by the standard of excellence.

"Every year, firefighters from each of our regional MFS stations put great time and effort into preparing for their assessments. And, every year the standard of skills, community spirit and station presentation is so high, it is difficult for us to separate the stations to receive the awards."

"All regional MFS firefighters should be proud of the important role they have in protecting lives and property in their local communities. They also protect important local business and infrastructure located in regional South Australia that is vital to the state as a whole," Assistant Chief Fire Officer Smith said.

Retained MFS firefighters from the following regional MFS stations participated in the assessments process:

Kapunda, Peterborough, Murray Bridge, Wallaroo, Victor Harbor, Tanunda, Kadina, Whyalla, Pt Augusta, Pt Pirie, Moonta, Berri, Pt Lincoln, Mt Gambier, Renmark and Loxton MFS stations.

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

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