

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



Regional MFS stations receive awards

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Five Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) stations have received awards at the conclusion of the organisation's annual regional proficiency and safety audit.

All 16 regional MFS stations participated in the annual assessment process, which gives retained firefighters the opportunity to showcase their skills, community spirit and commitment to public safety.

The results of the **2015 Regional Operations Audit and Proficiency Assessment** are:

Assessment Result	Station Awarded	Award Name
<i>First Place</i>	<i>Port Augusta MFS Station</i>	<i>Chief Officer's Shield</i>
<i>Second Place</i>	<i>Mount Gambier MFS Station</i>	<i>Regional Command Shield</i>
<i>Third Place</i>	<i>Moonta MFS Station</i>	<i>Regional Assistant Chief Officer's Shield</i>
<i>Most Improved</i>	<i>Port Augusta MFS Station</i>	<i>Most Improved Shield</i>
<i>Family Friendly*</i>	<i>Berri 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 of Regional Operations, Chris Smith said he was impressed by the high standards demonstrated by all retained personnel and thanked them and their families for their commitment both to the Fire Service and the Community.

"As usual, it's been difficult to select the five stations to receive awards due to the extraordinary efforts of all regional stations. Congratulations to Port Augusta, Mount Gambier, Moonta and Berri MFS stations for receiving awards in 2015."

"Each regional station went to great effort in preparing for their assessments, including preparations of stations and appliances. Many families and friends also attended assessment evenings to show their support," MFS Assistant Chief Fire Officer Smith said.

MFS retained (part-time) firefighters are valuable members of their communities. They respond to emergency incidents to protect the community, local businesses and the major infrastructure in towns and cities across regional South Australia.

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

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

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

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