

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



Regional MFS assessments commence

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Regional Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) firefighters have begun their annual station audit and proficiency assessments.

The highest rated MFS Regional stations will receive awards in this process including; The Chief Officer's Shield, Regional Command Shield, Regional Assistant Chief Officer's Shield, Most Improved Shield and the Family Friendly Regional Station Award.

MFS Assistant Chief Fire Officer of Regional Operations, Chris Smith said the annual assessments are to ensure operational readiness of crews reviewing their response and actions in a series of controlled scenarios.

"The aim is to ensure operational excellence in all areas of incident command and control, safety, rescue and utilisation of resources.

"Retained MFS firefighters take great pride in preparing the stations and appliances to such high standards and it is increasingly challenging to select the award winning stations each year.

"The assessment evenings are the perfect way for Retained Firefighters to demonstrate their skills, community spirit and dedication to public safety. MFS crews play an important role in protecting South Australian regional communities and responding to a wide range of emergency incidents," Assistant Chief Fire Officer Smith said.

Each year the assessment nights are combined with the presentation of service medals to long-serving Retained MFS firefighters.

This year MFS Assistant Chief Fire Officer Smith and Deputy Chief Officer Michael Morgan will be assessing the following stations:

Yorke Peninsula and Mid North	Far North and Eyre Peninsula	Riverland and Central	Limestone Coast / South East
Peterborough, Mon 20 Jun	Port Pirie, Tue 19 Apr	Berri, Tue 10 May	Mount Gambier, Tue 24 May
Kadina, Tue 28 Jun	Port Augusta, Thur 7 Apr	Renmark, Mon 9 May	Murray Bridge, Mon 16 May
Walleroo, Mon 27 Jun	Whyalla, Wed 6 Apr	Loxton, Tue 17 May	
Moonta, Tue 21 Jun	Port Lincoln, Tue 26 Apr	Tanunda, Mon 6 Jun	
	Victor Harbor, Wed 1 Jun	Kapunda, Mon 2 May	

Last year's 2015 Regional Operations Audit and Proficiency Assessment results were:

Assessment Result	Station Awarded	Award Name
First Place	Port Augusta MFS Station	Chief Officer's Shield
Second Place	Mount Gambier MFS Station	Regional Command Shield
Third Place	Moonta MFS Station	Regional Assistant Chief Officer's Shield
Most Improved	Port Augusta MFS Station	Most Improved Shield
Family Friendly*	Berri MFS Station	Family Friendly Regional Station*

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

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'.

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