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Minister for Emergency Services

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Awards for regional MFS stations

Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) stations in Port Lincoln, Berri, Tanunda and Kapunda have received awards in the MFS's annual regional assessment.

Every year, all 16 regional MFS stations complete regional proficiency and safety audits, with up to five of the most outstanding stations recognised.

The stations vie for the Chief Officer's Shield, Regional Operations Shield, Regional Assistant Chief Fire Officer's Shield, Most Improved Plaque and the Family Friendly Station Award.

The results of the 2016 Regional Operations Audit and Proficiency Assessment are:

Assessment Result	Station Awarded	Award Name
<i>First Place</i>	Port Lincoln MFS Station	Chief Officer's Shield
<i>Second Place</i>	Berri MFS Station	Regional Operations Shield
<i>Third Place</i>	Tanunda MFS Station	Regional Assistant Chief Fire Officer's Shield
<i>Most Improved</i>	Tanunda MFS Station	Most Improved Plaque
<i>Family Friendly</i>	Kapunda MFS Station	Family Friendly Station Award*

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

Background

The assessment involved both an audit process and challenging training exercise.

MFS visited each of the following stations for assessments: Renmark MFS, Loxton MFS, Berri MFS, Mt Gambier MFS, Moonta MFS, Kadina MFS, Wallaroo MFS, Kapunda MFS, Peterborough MFS, Murray Bridge MFS, Victor Harbor MFS, Tanunda MFS, Whyalla MFS, Pt Augusta MFS, Pt Pirie MFS and Pt Lincoln MFS.

Quotes attributable to Emergency Services Minister Peter Malinauskas

I'd like to commend each regional MFS station across the state for the tenacity and high standard displayed throughout the regional assessment program.

Congratulations in particular to Pt Lincoln, Berri, Tanunda and Kapunda MFS stations for their well-deserved recognition.

Retained MFS firefighters in regional South Australia are incredibly valuable members of their communities; they not only protect lives but also the homes, businesses, industry, infrastructure and therefore the economies of their communities.

Quotes attributable to MFS Assistant Chief Fire Officer of Regional Operations, Chris Smith

This year, stations were given a new task of developing and delivering an MFS Home Fire and Life Safety presentation. It was fantastic to see the level of enthusiasm for the challenge.

The presentations were well received by guests at the assessment evenings, who reported learning a great deal about home fire safety, including the importance of working smoke alarms.