

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



MFS recruitment drive focuses on gender and cultural diversity

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The Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) is launching its latest firefighter recruitment drive, with a strong focus on attracting a diverse range of applicants.

Online applications to become an MFS full-time firefighter will open at 9.00 am (ACST) Monday, 19 September 2016 and close at 5.00 pm (ACST) Friday, 30 September 2016. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

MFS Chief Officer, Greg Crossman said historically, urban fire services have only received a small percentage of interest from female and culturally diverse applicants.

“The MFS is committed to ensuring its workforce is one that reflects the diversity of the community it protects and serves.

“That’s why we’re actively encouraging women and people with diverse backgrounds who may be interested in becoming a professional firefighter to apply when recruitment opens in September,” MFS Chief Officer Crossman said.

MFS firefighters have a broad range of career development options available to them, including; community education, engineering, built environs, training, fire cause investigation, triple zero call receipt and dispatch, management, Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) and Hazmat.

The 2016 MFS Recruitment Campaign features firefighters with varied career pathways. MFS Senior Firefighter, Jo-Anna Kenney became an MFS firefighter nine years ago after previously working in sports administration, coaching and development.

“I applied to become a firefighter as I wanted to work in a team environment, be able to help people, have lots of variety in my work and be physically active.

“Firefighters are here to help people and look after our environment, two things I am very passionate about. I feel a lot of satisfaction when we contribute to the community we live in,” MFS Senior Firefighter Kenney said.

Ali Vessali was a secondary school teacher before graduating as an MFS Firefighter in June 2016.

“I’d always wanted to be in a position where I could help the community and be part of a close-knit group of colleagues. After speaking with a number of people in the emergency services, I knew that firefighting was the best fit for me.

“Firefighters are community minded, are team players, have a keen interest in physical fitness and are able to cope in challenging situations. If you hold these qualities, please apply!”

Further information about applying to become an MFS firefighter is available at www.mfs.sa.gov.au by clicking on ‘[join us](#)’.

The MFS urges potential applicants to *carefully read the recruitment information available at the MFS website*. The recruitment information has recently been reviewed and updated, meaning there have been changes to the timing of some of the prerequisite paperwork and qualifications (such as driver’s licences and First Aid qualifications) required of applicants.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

To learn more about how to apply to become an MFS firefighter, [click here](#).

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