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South Australian Fire and
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Fire and Emergency Services Board visits Far West Coast

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Recognition of Far West Coast emergency service volunteers and their employers will be a key focus of the SA Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM) Board visit to the region tomorrow, Thursday, 26 August.

The heads of SAFECOM, the Country Fire Service (CFS), Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) and State Emergency Service (SES), along with other Board members, will visit Ceduna and Streaky Bay.

SAFECOM Chief Executive, Mr David Place said, "Effective response to emergency incidents on the west coast is only possible through the strong contingent of local SES and CFS volunteers," he said.

"As well as attending to marine, storm and fire related incidents, the SES and CFS continue the difficult task of responding to road crash rescues across the west coast."

A morning tea will be held at the Streaky Bay Visitor Information Centre, 21 Bay St, Streaky Bay on Thursday at 10.30am to recognise volunteers and thank the employers of the sector's volunteers, including self-employed volunteers.

Following a SAFECOM Board meeting in Ceduna that afternoon, another event recognising volunteers and their employers will be held at the joint Country Fire Service, State Emergency Service and SA Ambulance Service facility on Poynton Street, Ceduna, starting at 6.30pm.

Volunteers have been invited from the CFS Western Eyre Group and the SES West Region (Wudinna, Streaky Bay, Ceduna and Nullarbor). SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) volunteers have also been invited to the Ceduna event.

A number of certificates will be presented at both events as part of SAFECOM's Volunteer and Employer Recognition and Support Program (VERSP).

This will be the 12th SAFECOM Board regional visit and VERSP ceremony held in SA.

Media are invited to the VERSP events tomorrow morning from 10.30am at the Streaky Bay Visitor Information Centre and tomorrow evening from 6.30pm at the joint CFS/SES/SAAS facility, Poynton Street, Ceduna.

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