

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



MFS firefighters hone road crash rescue skills

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Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) retained firefighters from **Whyalla, Port Augusta** and **Port Lincoln** will gather on the Eyre Peninsula to hone their road crash rescue skills this weekend.

The three day pilot course will take place at the Port Lincoln MFS Station from Friday, 25 November at 3.30 pm until the afternoon of Sunday, 27 November 2011.

MFS Regional Operations Coordinator (ROC) for the Far North and Eyre Command, Dave Colliar is based in Port Lincoln and said the course will be a first for the region.

“Traditionally our road crash rescue courses have been run at individual regional fire stations. For the first time, MFS retained Senior Firefighters and Firefighters from the Whyalla, Port Augusta and Port Lincoln MFS stations will gather together at Port Lincoln to practise their skills.

“Three instructors from Adelaide will travel to Port Lincoln to conduct training and assessments, with some of the participants set to become road crash rescue instructors in their own regions. This means they will return to their stations with the ability to train fellow firefighters in road crash rescue,” ROC Colliar said.

Local SA Ambulance Service staff will also participate in the weekend training session.

“If the pilot course proves to be successful, it has the potential to be expanded to encompass the thirteen other regional MFS stations across South Australia,” ROC Colliar said.

The MFS has 250 retained (part time) firefighters who protect lives, property and infrastructure in 16 major regional centres across South Australia, including Mount Gambier, Port Lincoln, Whyalla, the Riverland, Victor Harbor, the Iron Triangle and the Copper Triangle.

Regional Media are welcome to interview Regional Operations Coordinator, Dave Colliar and to attend the training.

Media can call the MFS Media Line on (08) 8204 3770, or call Station Officer Colliar directly at Port Lincoln MFS on 8683 0725.

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