

Wingfield fire continues to smoulder

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The Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) advises that a fire continues to smoulder in a large pile of mulch and timber at a recycling depot at Wingfield.

The fire at the Hanson Road facility was first reported to the MFS via a '000' call just before 1.00 am on Monday, 27 August 2012.

MFS firefighters surrounded and contained the fire early on in the incident, and prevented the fire from spreading to large piles of recycling materials nearby. Firefighters working in shifts have continuously battled the fire for more than 36 hours.

MFS Commander, Greg Howard said the fire remains contained and does not pose a threat to public safety - but smoke continues to be present in the area.

"Those working, residing or travelling in and around Wingfield may notice smoke in the area. Anyone affected by the smoke, particularly those with respiratory issues, are advised to remain indoors and to close all doors and windows until the smoke has passed.

"Motorists should also continue to exercise caution when driving in the area, as changing wind conditions may reduce visibility," he said.

At the height of the incident, 35 firefighters from eight appliances responded to the fire. Currently, up to 20 firefighters from five appliances are at the scene.

While the MFS is aware of smoke in the Wingfield area, it does advise residents that should they observe a different fire burning unattended, that they should call Triple Zero immediately.

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