

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



Regional MFS stations recognised

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South Australia's regional MFS stations are showcasing their skills, community spirit and commitment to public safety for their 2011 annual proficiency and operational assessments.

Each year, regional MFS stations are assessed and have the opportunity to be awarded one of five honours; the Chief Officer's Shield, Regional Operations Shield, Regional Commander's Shield, Most Improved award and the Family Friendly award.

MFS Commander, Chris Smith said the assessment visits provide regional MFS firefighters with a positive learning and development experience.

"Regional MFS firefighters take pride in looking after their stations and appliances. During assessment time we test compliance with procedures, safety standards, uniforms, station presentation, appliance care, maintenance and practical fire fighting skills."

"Each year I continue to be impressed by the standard of every station. Commander, Michael Morgan and I look forward to completing the visits between May and August this year," Commander Smith said.

Regional assessments involve some friendly competition between regional MFS stations. **Last year** (2010), the following regional MFS stations received awards:

- **CHIEF OFFICER'S SHIELD** – Victor Harbor MFS
- **REGIONAL OPERATIONS SHIELD** – Tanunda MFS
- **REGIONAL COMMANDERS SHIELD** – Loxton MFS
- **MOST IMPROVED** – Moonta MFS
- **UNITED FIREFIGHTERS UNION (UFU) SA 'FAMILY FRIENDLY REGIONAL STATION' Award** – Renmark MFS

A decision on which regional MFS stations will receive awards in 2011 is expected in August this year.

Assessments will take place at Kapunda, Mt Gambier, Peterborough, Victor Harbor, Murray Bridge, Tanunda, Whyalla, Port Augusta, Loxton, Port Lincoln, Port Pirie, Wallaroo, Kadina, Moonta, Renmark and Berri MFS.

Assessments begin at 6.30 pm. **Media welcome.**

If members of the public are interested in becoming a Retained (Part-Time) MFS Firefighter, they can visit the MFS website at: www.mfs.sa.gov.au and click on 'join us' or call:

Mid North MFS – 8243 6550
Riverland MFS – 8586 3577

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