



Media Release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service

MFS regional station assessments underway

19 July 2021

The 2021 Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) regional station proficiency and audit assessments are underway, with firefighters vying for their station to receive one of five awards.

Due to the COVID-19 situation in South Australia in 2020, last year's assessments were not conducted, however they are up and running now for 2021.

The annual assessments at South Australia's 17 regional MFS stations commenced on Tuesday 1 June and are expected to continue through until the end of September, giving regional MFS firefighters the chance to demonstrate their skills, community spirit and commitment to public safety.

At the completion of the process, five of the 17 MFS regional stations will receive awards including; the Chief Officer's Shield, Regional Command Shield, Regional Assistant Chief Officer's Shield, Most Improved Shield and the Family Friendly Regional Station Award.

MFS Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO) of Regional Operations, Colin Lindsay explained that the aim of the audits is to assess skill areas in all areas of incident command and control, safety, rescue and utilisation of resources.

"Each year our regional MFS firefighters ensure the station environment, along with fire trucks and equipment are prepared to the highest standards, which results in a very tight and close competition in the selection of award winners.

"Firefighters take great pride in preparing their stations and fire trucks for assessment, and the assessment evenings are a perfect way for them to demonstrate their skills, community spirit and dedication to public safety," MFS ACFO Lindsay said.

Assessments are conducted during designated training evenings and play an integral part in developing the required skills and building teamwork to enhance their response capabilities.

So far in 2021, eight MFS stations have been assessed.

This year MFS ACFO Lindsay and various MFS ACFO's are scheduled to assess the following MFS stations (please note dates may be subject to change):

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Yorke Peninsula and Mid North	Far North and Eyre Peninsula	Riverland and Central	Limestone Coast and South East
Port Pirie Tuesday 22 June	Port Lincoln Tuesday 1 June	Kapunda Monday 26 July	Murray Bridge Monday 16 August
Moonta Monday 5 July	Whyalla Wednesday 2 June	Tanunda Monday 2 August	Mount Gambier Tuesday 17 August
Kadina Tuesday 6 July	Port Augusta Thursday 3 June	Renmark Monday 13 September	Victor Harbor Wednesday 1 September
Wallaroo Monday 12 July	Peterborough Monday 21 June	Loxton Tuesday 14 September	Mount Barker Monday 30 August
		Berri Wednesday 15 September	

The 2019 Regional Operations Audit and Proficiency Assessment results were:

Assessment Result	Station Awarded	Award Name
First Place	Renmark MFS Station	Chief Officer's Shield
Second Place	Berri MFS Station	Regional Command Shield
Third Place	Moonta MFS Station	Regional Assistant Chief Officer's Shield
Most Improved	Moonta MFS Station	Most Improved Shield
Family Friendly	Kapunda MFS Station	Family Friendly Regional Station

If members of regional communities 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'.

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