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## **NEW CHIEF OFFICER FOR STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Emergency Services Minister Carmel Zollo has announced the appointment of a new Chief Officer for the State Emergency Services (SES).

SES Deputy Chief Officer Stuart Macleod is taking up the position previously held by the new Commissioner of Fire and Emergencies, David Place.

Mr Macleod has been Acting Chief Officer since 1 March 2007.

“Mr Macleod is a long-serving SES officer who brings a wealth of experience to the role,” the Minister says.

“The SES is an integral part of emergency services in this state and under Stuart’s leadership will continue to evolve as a valuable organisation with a strong volunteering ethic.”

Mr Macleod has been involved with volunteer organisations since 1966, when he joined the Civil Defence Organisation (which evolved into the SES) as a volunteer rescuer.

He was first appointed to SES paid staff in 1979, as the Regional Officer for the Central Region.

He was awarded a Ministerial Commendation in 2003 and was awarded the National Emergency Services Medal in the Australia Day Honours List in 2005.

Mr Macleod says the SES is a very strong and viable community service supporting and helping the people of South Australia.

“The SES is a key agency, not only in responding to rescue and severe weather situations, but also in delivering planning and education services that help to reduce the risk and effect of emergencies,” Mr Macleod says.

“My vision for the future is one in which those community ties are further enhanced through engagement and cooperative planning.”

Mr Macleod’s appointment will commence on 1 February 2008.