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NEW STATE OF THE ART CFS/SES FACILITIES TO SUPPORT NORTHERN COMMUNITY

On Sunday 3 August 2008, SA Country Fire Service (CFS) and State Emergency Service (SES) will officially open two new state of the art facilities in the state's north at Booleroo Centre and Hallett.

Commencing at 11am Euan Ferguson, Chief Officer CFS and Stuart Macleod, Chief Officer SES, will jointly open the new Booleroo Centre CFS/SES facility at Stephen Street, Booleroo Centre.

At 2.30pm the official opening of the first joint Hallett CFS/SES facility will take place at Toolangi Road, Hallett.

The Booleroo Centre CFS/SES facility, established over twenty years ago, has a combined membership of approximately 49 volunteer emergency service workers, with many of the volunteers working across both organisations.

Similarly the 41 volunteer emergency service workers, who came together in late 2007 at the Hallett facility, also work across both the CFS and the SES.

SES Chief Officer Stuart Macleod says the two services have developed a close working relationship, responding to hundreds of emergency incidents, which have been of great benefit to the local community.

Mr Macleod says, "The new CFS/SES facilities at both Booleroo and Hallett will provide both organisations with modern facilities which will allow them to provide a greater level of emergency support to the local and much wider community."

Both facilities have the operational capacity to become incident control centres and are valued at \$730,000.

CFS Chief Officer Euan Ferguson says it is excellent to see the initiative come to fruition and was a true example of partnerships within the community.

"Together CFS and SES provide emergency response to fires, road accidents, storm damage and many other emergency incidents which occur in the Booleroo Centre and Hallett local area. The new facilities will provide the resources and support necessary for our emergency service volunteers to continue to play a vital role in the community," says Mr MacLeod.

The State Government's commitment to South Australia's emergency services has seen a further 9 new and refurbished CFS and SES facilities built during in 2007-2008. Construction will also start soon on a \$7.6 million joint emergency services centre in Port Lincoln housing CFS, SES and MFS.

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