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STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES SUPPORTS COMMUNITY DURING ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW

The fire and emergency services sector is once again supporting one of the state's largest community events, the Royal Adelaide Show.

South Australia's three emergency service organisations; the State Emergency Service (SES), the Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) and the Country Fire Service (CFS), are all in attendance throughout the show.

David Place, Commissioner of Fire and Emergencies, from SAFECOM (SA Fire and Emergency Services Commission), says this is another excellent example of the emergency service sector working together to support our state.

"This collaborative approach, involving each of the emergency service organisations means as a sector we can provide greater support to the community such as our assistance and support for the show. "

The SES has a strong team of 68 volunteers and staff in attendance to support the Adelaide Showground Emergency Response Plan.

Their role is two-fold during the show's nine days, firstly providing reconnaissance, search and rescue, and immediate assistance within the disaster and major emergency area.

Secondly, the SES provides daily assistance to SA Police in the search for lost persons and to St Johns with medical retrievals.

Preparation, planning and dealing with a bushfire are the central themes of the CFS presence at the show.

CFS Community Education Officer, Natasha Huber says the CFS marquee is also an area for fun activities with free give-aways for children, a colouring-in competition and regular appearances by the CFS mascot, 'Smokey'.

"Bushfires are part of our lives every summer and this is an opportunity for us to engage with the community and provide people with information to help them prepare for a bushfire."

The CFS display is located opposite the Stirling Angus Hall and Motor Pavillion.

The MFS, who for three consecutive years have won awards for their interactive stand, are once again on hand to help educate South Australian families on what to do in the case of a fire.

MFS District Officer, Alan Foster says, "The MFS can save lives if given the opportunity to educate people. When families visit our stand at the show, they have an opportunity to participate in hands on activities.

"We show them what to do if their house catches on fire, what to do if a family member's clothes catch on fire and what number to ring in an emergency."

A colourful display of fire education posters, developed by primary school children as part of the MFS community education program, will also be on display at the stand.

The MFS display, located in the Jubilee Hall, will be manned right throughout the show by 130 staff and volunteers.

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