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New \$7m Salisbury fire station announced

Plans for a brand new Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) Command station at Salisbury will be unveiled today.

Emergency Services Minister Michael O'Brien will this afternoon turn the first sod at the project site, on the corner of the Grove Way and Main North Road, Salisbury.

The new \$7 million station is scheduled to be completed in late 2014 and will replace the existing Salisbury station on Frost Road that was first constructed in 1978.

"The new Salisbury station will be located about 3km north-east of the current station and will greatly assist the MFS with continuing to meet the needs of a growing community in the northern metropolitan area," Mr O'Brien said.

"The new station will be an environmentally-friendly facility with state of the art design features, including water retention and reuse on site.

"The station and its building materials will have an asset life of 50 years, making it an environmentally and economically responsible project."

The new Salisbury station will continue to be resourced with two appliances and eight firefighters per shift, 24/7.

However, in order to cater for future population growth and an increasing risk profile in the northern metropolitan area, the station will be constructed to accommodate up to four appliances and 16 firefighters per shift.

MFS Director, Strategic Capability and Corporate Affairs, Don Cranwell said today's sod turning marks an important occasion for the local community.

"The new location will significantly improve the integrated response area of the Salisbury station with existing MFS stations at Elizabeth and Golden Grove. It will be an impressive facility designed to serve future growth as well as the training and response needs of MFS firefighters," he said.

The response area of Salisbury MFS is geographically one of the largest in the northern metropolitan area. This area protects a mix of public housing, private residential developments, extensive heavy industry, hospitals, Parafield Airport and provides support to the Royal Australian Air Force's Base at Edinburgh.

News Alert: Mr O'Brien will turn the first sod at the project site on the corner of the Grove Way and Main North Road at Salisbury at 2.00 pm.