

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



Families 'Livelonga' at the Royal Show

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Children, fun and fire safety education are the focus at the Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) stand at the Royal Adelaide Show this year.

Families are encouraged to visit the interactive MFS stand in the Jubilee Pavilion for a journey down 'Livelonga Lane' and a chance to play life-saving games.

Kids can dress up as a firefighter, have their photos taken and be the heroes in a fire safety story ... all for a gold coin donation. They can also practice 'Stop, Cover, Drop and Roll' so they know what to do if their clothes catch fire.

The MFS stand is a long-standing family favourite after 11 years at the Show!

MFS Commander, Allan Foster said with all the **low cost** fun at the MFS stand, there's also a great chance for parents to learn.

"The MFS encourages parents to bring their children to our stand to have fun while learning valuable lessons together.

"Parents are provided with valuable home fire safety information and can ask advice about how to make their home fire safe," Mr Foster says.

The MFS will also be celebrating 150 years of serving the community of South Australia.

The MFS stand at the Royal Adelaide Show has a **key message** that families should have a Home Fire Escape Plan which they have practised together.

Mr Foster says, "The message for families at the Royal Adelaide Show is that the key to escaping a house fire is to have well maintained, photoelectric smoke alarms and to have planned and practised what to do ahead of time.

"If you have talked about it with everyone and rehearsed what to do, there is much less chance of panic and a much greater chance of survival. Everyone in the family, especially children need to know exactly what to do when they hear the sound of the smoke alarm."

The MFS expects to welcome up to 12,000 children and adults through its stand at the Royal Adelaide Show this year.

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