

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



MFS awarded for supporting Defence Reservists

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The Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) has been recognised as the **State Employer of the Year** for supporting its employees who serve as Navy, Army and Air Force Reservists.

The MFS has received the following awards from the Defence Reserves Support Council South Australia (DRSC-SA):

* **State Award – Employer of the Year - Metropolitan Fire Service.**

* **Government – SA Employer Support Award - Metropolitan Fire Service.**

Chief Officer, Grant Lupton said the MFS is honoured to receive the awards.

“The MFS is committed to team work and helping others. As an employer, the MFS is proud of our staff who pursue opportunities that further serve the community, such as the Navy, Army and Air Force Reserves.

“We believe staff benefit greatly from their role as Defence Reservists. It provides them an opportunity to further develop life and career skills such as leadership, team building and community service,” MFS Chief Officer Lupton said.

Chair of the South Australian Committee of the Defence Reserves Support Council, Dr Pamela Schulz said, “These awards are a way of thanking employers of Reservists for their contribution to Australian Defence Force (ADF) capability. Without their support, our ability to meet ADF requirements would be considerably reduced. In fact, these employers are also serving the nation in their own way.”

MFS Station Officer, Peter Reynolds said the MFS, as a supportive employer, has enabled him to undertake three recent overseas deployments to the Middle East and Timor-Leste.

“I enjoy a balance between full time work as a firefighter and being a part-time member of the ADF, and am thankful to my employer for allowing me the flexibility to be a Reservist.

“I feel that I’ve been able to bring many practical, team and leadership skills from firefighting to my role as a Reservist. And, as a Reservist, I’ve further expanded those skills,” Station Officer Reynolds said.

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